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INTRODUCTION

What follows is the result of wonderful co-operation from many wonderful people — without whom it would have been impossible.

Whenever so many people are involved; whenever a project reaches back so far; whenever so much depends on memory, there must almost necessarily be discrepancies and inaccuracies.

We have done our very best to make this accurate and complete. We think that we have succeeded pretty well so that you are about to read tells it substantially "like it was."

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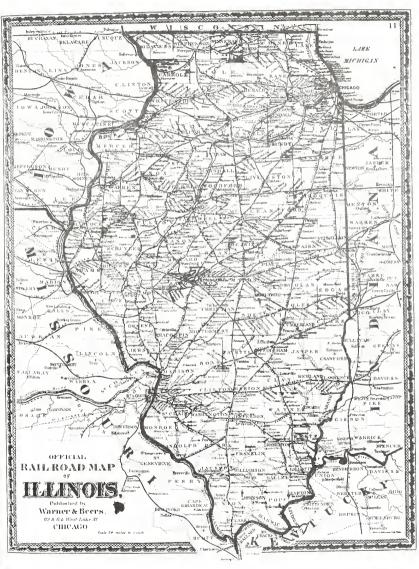
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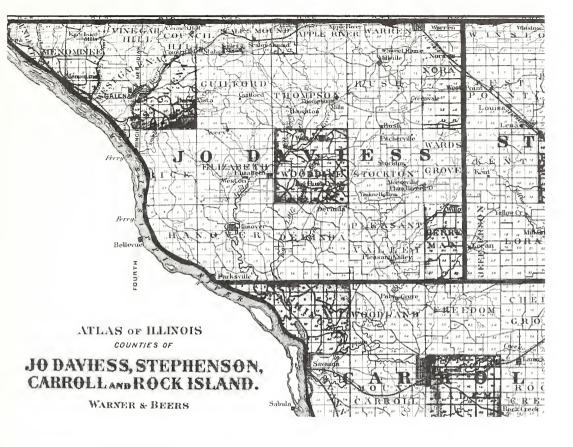
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ILLINOIS HISTORY

Illinois was originally a part of Florida. In 1543 it became a Spanish colony. Northern Illinois was included in the territory granted in 1620 to the Plymouth Company by King James, and was therefore claimed by Great Britain. In 1673 the Mississippi River was discovered by Marquette and Joliet. In the same year they ascended the Illinois River; and in 1679 Robert Cavalier De La Salle made further discoveries, descending the Kankakee to its mouth. Kaskaskia and Cahokia, the oldest towns on the Mississippi River, were settled by the French in 1682. Illinois at this time contained but few white inhabitants. In 1699 it became a part of Louisiana, and so remained until 1763, when it was ceded to England. The white population now numbered about 3000, mostly French, the principal settlements being at Kaskaskia, Cahokia, Peoria, Prairie-Du-Rocher, Prairie Du Pont, and Fort Charters. In 1778 Kaskaskia, Cahokia and other settlements were captured by four companies of Virginians, under Colonel Clarke, and in October of the same year an Act was passed by the Virginia Legislature, establishing the "County of Illinois", which embraced all of Virginia northwest of the Ohio. In 1784 it was ceded by Virginia to the United States, and in 1787 Congress passed an Ordinance for the government of all territory northwest of the Ohio River, Arthur St. Clair being appointed first governor. In 1803 Indiana, including Illinois and Wisconsin, was erected into a separate territory, and six years

later, the present State of Illinois became a territory by itself. In 1812 it passed from the first to the second grade of territorial government, and sent a delegate to Congress. The right of suffrage at this time extended to the people, without regard to property qualifications. On the 3rd of December, 1818, Illinois was admitted into the Union as a sovereign and independent State. One section of land in each township was at once donated for school use, and two townships in the State for the use of a seminary. Since that time, the growth of Illinois has been astonishingly rapid.

The foreign population of Illinois was mostly comprised of Germans, Irish, French and Portuguese. Of the Americanborn the north part of the State is settled principally from New York and New England, the central from Ohio, Pennslyvania and Virginia, and the southern from Kentucky, Tennessee and the Carolinas.

Kaskaskia was the first state capitol, in 1820 it was moved to Vandalia and 20 years later to Springfield.

The Illinois and Michigan Canal between Chicago and LaSalle on the Illinois River was completed in 1848. The Illinois Central Railroad was built during the 1850s and other railroads were built during this same period. In 1919 the State began its construction of highways, and in 1924 a \$100,000,000 bond issue was approved for more elaborate highway construction.

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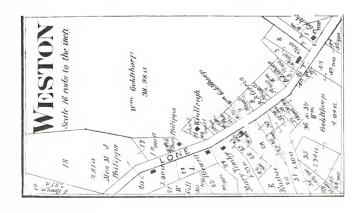
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SO THE STORY GOES

I. WHEREIN ARE: THE VERY BEGINNING: THE FIRST WHITE MAN: THE "LEGEND": THE EARLIEST DAYS.

News gets around

With the vast communications networks we have now, it is taken for granted that news will spread almost instantaneously...a flick of the switch, and we know what happened a few minutes ago in the farthest corners of the world. Sometimes we even see them happen. For example, the murder of Lee Harvey Oswald by Jack Ruby.

Things were different at the beginning of the last century. It took longer, but news got around just the same.

Thus it was that A. P. Van Matre heard of the discovery of Indian lead mines at the Fever River (now the Galena River) diggings near Galena in 1818, setting in motion events which led to his becoming the first white man in the Elizabeth area. Being an adventurous soul and a prospector, Van Matre set out to seek some of the wealth to be dug out of the ground.

Legend has it that one day in 1825—dispirited, fatigued. almost despondent-Van Matre found himself in an unspoiled forest, surrounded only by majestic trees, dense foliage, and-to the best of his knowledge-with the company of only a few Indians. He was gloomily pondering his next step, when one of those happenstances that are supposed to occur only in highly imaginative fiction took

place. The foliage parted . . . and an Indian girl stepped into the clearing. History doesn't tell us how the odd couple surmounted the language barrier, but surmount it they did. After an exchange of amenities and some preliminary palaver, they got down to business. It transpired that the Indian girl was as interested in acquiring a mate as Van Matre was in acquiring lead. The girl made an offer: in exchange for matrimony, she would show the pale-face much metal, known only to her. Van Matre was in no mood to dicker. The bargain was struck, and the wedding held.

True to her word, the lady led her spouse to the diggings. Here, on the bank of the river, he built the first smelting furnace in this part of the country. On the opposite

bank he built a house.

Van Matre lived in this house from which he worked until the diggings were exhausted . . . a matter of about twelve years.

Not for long was he alone.

As fame of the lead mines and the beauty of the valley spread, settlers were attracted. Preponderantly, they were miners, but included among them were trappers, farmers, and some assorted enterprisers who saw a chance to establish themselves in a new community. In chronological order, here are some of the names that have come down through the years . . .

1825 - Thaddeus Hitt who arrived in Galena the same year Van Matre found his mine. Hitt soon left for Elizabeth, where he met and married his

Rebecca in 1831.

1826 - Jefferson Clark, John McDonald, and one Rogers (given name unknown) who came to mine. Mr. McDonald put up a smelting furnace which he operated for many years.

1827 - an important year, witnessing the arrival of such people as: Henry Van Volkenburg, a trapper, hunter, and prospector, who passed through the area in 1827, returned to his native Ohio, and - liking what he had seen, returned to settle; John D. Winters, who settled his family on the Apple River . . . who, with James and John Flack, raised the first corn in Elizabeth township . . . and, with Captain Clack Stone, acquired the land on which Elizabeth stands; Nathaniel Morris, who settled with his family on a farm four miles northwest of Elizabeth; Killion & Lee, who farmed about 3/4ths of a mile northeast of Elizabeth; Labaum and St. Vrain, who built a smelting furnace about 1/2 mile northeast of Elizabeth and also opened the first store in the vicinity. Many of these folks played a major part in the early development of the

Between this time and 1830, there was an influx of many men - almost all of whom had been attracted by the mines. The few names given above are no more than

the core around whom matters developed.

These were frontier days. Life was rugged, primitive, at times almost brutally harsh. But these were toiling, determined men, made of stern stuff. They persevered against great obstacles; they won out; and often they prospered as they established themselves and their families. (Note: The late Henry Green stated in 1875 that, up to that time, the output of the Elizabeth mines alone had been at least 75,000,000 pounds. This, we think you will agree, is a considerable amount of lead. Surely it gives a general

By 1830 a community had begun to shape up-nebulous perhaps, but certainly the spirit of community was growing with each passing day. There was, as yet, no sign of the dramatic developments that lay just ahead.

WHEREIN ma kat awimsheka ka LOSES HIS COOL.

In a little Sauk village on the Rock River near the Mississippi, the little papoose "ma kat awimsheka ka" (which is Sauk of Black Sparrowhawk) had grown to manhood and the status of Chief. An imposing man of majestic stature and mien, he was a man of violent temper. Nothing happened during his growing-up years to create anything but hatred for the white man.

Their beautiful country had long been coveted by white settlers, who inflicted various indignities and abuses on the red men. As early as 1804, a few minor chiefs agreed to withdraw to the west bank of the Mississippi - in consideration of the munificent sum of \$1,000 to be paid the group annually. There are those who question the means by which this lopsided treaty was obtained.

In 1831, threats by Blackhawk to evict the usurpers by force caused a company of Illinois volunteers to come arunnin', upon which event the Sauks withdrew across the Mississippi, agreeing not to return without government

permission.

The most fundamental of human needs - plain, simple hunger - caused breaking of the promise. In the face of famine conditions - driven by the elemental and powerful instinct, the Sauks — men, women, children — bag and baggage, under the leadership of the indomitable Blackhawk, re-crossed the Mississippi in order to harvest what they could and to plant new crops.

Instant panic hit the settlers. An undisciplined, raw, trigger-happy member of the militia shot and killed an

Indian carrying a flag of truce.

That did it for Blackhawk. His notoriously short fuse sputtered down until he erupted into a violent rage. Swearing vengeance against the treacherous pale-face for wanton disregard of the truce flag, he began to harry the border in an effort to vent his fury and to retrieve the lands he felt rightly belonged to his beloved people.

While some may question Blackhawk's wisdom and statesmanship, none have seriously questioned the very real sincerity of his feeling for his territory and his people, and the shamefulness of the treatment accorded him and

his followers.

For a while he was successful.

III. WHEREIN NEWS IS RECEIVED; A MEETING IS HELD; PREPARATIONS ARE MADE.

Blackhawk hit viciously, mercilessly, and seemingly at random. Rumblings reached the Elizabeth area, but it was In November of 1950 Stockton Manufacturing Company (Atwoods) began its existence in Stockton, Illinois. Through many months of diligent effort, the leading Stockton citizens and company officials were able to make the 90,000 square foot manufacturing plant a reality.

Stockton Manufacturing Company is a Division of Atwood Vacuum Machine Company of Rockford, Illinois, one of the world's leading manufacturers of automotive hardware. It employs over 400 people living in Stockton and the surrounding area. Its principal products are automotive seat adjusters, hood hinges, and hood latches which may be found on almost every make of American automobile.

The Company is proud of its county and community and is happy to contribute to their continued growth, development and prosperity.

ATWOODS SALUTES ELIZABETH FOR THEIR 100 YEARS OF EXISTENCE

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STOCKTON, ILLINOIS



not until May of 1832 that "hard news" was received. On this day a rider from Dixon arrived to tell of the defeat of a company of whites under Major Isaiah Stillman at Stillman's Run; of the massacre a few days later when Blackhawk's band swooped down on a tiny settlement at Indian Creek; and stories of assorted murders. It became apparent that every living soul on the frontier was threatened. Riders set out to spread the word, going as far as Galena and Hanover.

The widely scattered settlers hastily convened at the store of Labaum & St. Vrain to discuss ways and means.

These were men of action; to decide was to do. By nightfall of the next day: trees had been felled and split; driven into the ground close together with about 12 feet protruding above ground — the whole encasing about 1000 square feet; one corner forming a log house in which one of the settlers lived; another corner given over to a two-story block-house, the second story of which protruded about two feet in order to keep Indians from getting close enough to set fire to the fort; two log cabins for living purposes lined one side; space not otherwise occupied had benches on which the defendants could stand in order to reconnoitre; and, finally, there were strategically placed port-holes.

In this prompt fashion the historic Apple River Fort came into being. It was placed on top of a knoll so that attacking Indians could find protection only on Terrapin Ridge — and that too far away from which to launch a

surprise attack. A pretty good day's work.

There remained a few more preparatory steps . . . including the molding of bullets. This was done from lead furnished from the nearby smelter of the ubiquitous Labaum & St. Vrain. Within a few days all preparations were completed and the pioneers settled down to await hostilities — unmolested albeit impatient. They didn't have to wait long.

The site of Apple River Fort is marked by a bronze plaque about ¼ mile east of Elizabeth on Highway U. S.

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IV. WHEREIN A GOOD TIME IS HAD BY ALL; AN ASSAULT IS MOUNTED; WOMEN ARE HEROIC; THE ATTACK IS REPULSED.

Immediately following completion of preparations, there came an interlude of halcyon days, of serene and unruffled tranquillity. With no trouble in sight; with a deep sense of security; with release from hard labor in mine or on farm; with passing of the loneliness of the long, cold winter in their log cabins far removed from friends; with the joy of congenial human companionship, the prevailing spirit is reported to have been very nearly gay. It was very much like an extended community outing. Children played games, men frolicked in athletic contests, women did whatever it is that pleases women.

There was even a romance culminating in the marriage of Jane Murdock to Jefferson Clark. To be sure, there were incidents: horse-stealing by Indians, murders of messengers; a vengeance raid under Captain J. W. Stephenson to neighboring Stephenson County; the wandering adventure of little Benny Tart which included pursuit by Indians.

These incidents, in themselves, did not create any great disturbance in the fort. However, they were very real evidence that Indians were in the vicinity; accordingly, the people stayed nearby, because to scatter to their homes was tantamount to an invitation to disaster.

Sunday, June 24, 1832 — Four messengers — Fred Dixon, G. W. Herclerode, E. Welsh, and J. Kirkpatrick — en route from Galena to Dixon with dispatches for General Atkinson, stopped by Apple River Fort for noon dinner, a visit, and a spot of conviviality.

As they left the fort to continue their trip, emboldened perhaps by the jug and exhilarated beyond discretion, they were set upon by Indians. Dixon got away and continued

his trip; Welsh, who had received a bullet in his thigh, was carried back to the fort by Herclerode and Kirkpatrick.

The Sabbath silence was shattered as the landscape came alive with whooping, howling red men, who attempted to storm the fort. (It may be interesting to note as an indication of the spirit of the day that a group was about to set out on a gooseberrying party when the alarm was given.)

At the moment there was a pitifully small number of fighting men on hand. Perhaps fifteen. Perhaps twenty. But there were many women and many children. The men jumped to their posts, determined to fight it out against the great odds confronting them. G. W. Herclerode, in spite of many warnings and orders from Captain Clack Stone, persisted in indiscreetly exposing himself in order to get a better shot. The shot he got was an Indian arrow in his throat.

As he fell Elizabeth Armstrong snatched the rifle from his hands, intending to do a little shooting of her own account. Sam Hughlett, standing nearby, suggested that he shoot, and she load. Using one gun, while Elizabeth Armstrong loaded the other, Hughlett was able to keep up almost steady fire.

There were two other Elizabeths in Apple River Fort on this fateful Sunday — Elizabeth Van Volkenburg, and

Elizabeth Winters.

All the women — even 8-year old girls — performed valiantly . . . running pigs of lead, molding bullets, loading guns, and perhaps most important of all, inspiring and exhorting the men.

Because of their Herculean efforts, the beleaguered few were able to mislead the Indians into the belief that they were opposed by far more men and far greater fire power than was the actuality — no small part of the victory.

It really wasn't much of a fight as Indian fights go. After only 45 minutes, the Indians withdrew. The only white

fatality was that of G. W. Herclerode.

In a very real sense, the dramatic victory at Apple River Fort belongs to the ladies...bless 'em. The Galenian of June 25th said: "...God grant that America may never have greater cowards in her armies than the ladies in Apple River Fort." Their names have come down through the years (136 of them!) with the lustre undimmed.

The red men weren't quite through. As a parting gesture they plundered, looted, damaged, or destroyed

everything they laid their hands on.

V. WHEREIN NORMALCY APPEARS; A SURVEY IS MADE; ANOTHER MEETING IS HELD; A VILLAGE IS BORN . . . AND CHRISTENED.

There were no further assaults nor any further incidents. It may be that news of the destruction of Blackhawk's forces at the battle of Bad Axe River in Wisconsin had reached Apple River Fort.

At any rate, by August of 1832 it was felt that the time had come to return home and to return to the business

of normal living.

Almost immediately, John Winters moved to a hill a little east of Elizabeth where he established a tavern, and from where he continued to direct the stage line. Soon after, Captain Clack Stone opened a store across the road.

And so it continued

1834: the first building was erected within what was to become Elizabeth, the same being a tavern operated by Mr. Knack; ... 1835: a school-house built; ... 1837: Bird & Gomer sawmill erected near the Apple River, sold to James De Graff in 1847 and transformed into a grist mill; ... 1843: Robert Barker opens a general store; ... also in 1843: Odd Fellows Hall pressed into use as class rooms, the school being inadequate for growing population; ... 1844: school district organized; ... 1856: John Eustace built Mitchell's Mill, now known as Elizabeth Mill; ... 1867: the first blacksmith shop.







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TO ELIZABETH

The above paragraph does not purport in any way to be complete. It is simply an indication of how things were developing in the immediate post-war years and of the direction they were taking. Two very significant dates have been omitted because they stand by themselves. They are

1839 — The village of Elizabeth was surveyed, laid out, and platted by Charles Bennett on land owned by

Winters and Stone.

May 4th, 1868 — A meeting was held at the schoolhouse to discuss the proposition: Should Elizabeth become an incorporated village? The motion, when put, was

carried by a vote of 74 'ayes' to 32 'nays.'

The consensus is that the name became Elizabeth officially in honor of one or all of the three valorous Elizabeths at the battle of Apple River Fort. Each of the ladies had her adherents, and indeed a case might be made for any one of them. However, since the land was owned by John Winters and since John Winters christened the new baby, in all liklihood it was his wife — Elizabeth Winters — who was specifically honored.

VI. WHEREIN TIME PASSES; THINGS CHANGE; NOTE

IS MADE OF THE PRESENT.

We have now arrived at the date we celebrate: May 4th, 1868...the official birth of Elizabeth 100 years ago.

It is a truism that history never stops; goes on always; is happening now. It seems neither fitting nor proper nor, for that matter, possible, to give the details of those hundred years. By and large, they were a time of transition; perhaps the reader noted in the 1832 - 1868 resume' the move away from emphasis on mining.

As the mines played out and became unprofitable, which mines have a way of doing, most of the miners moved on to richer fields. Largely of Cornish descent, their places were taken by farmers of German descent who were

able to pick up acreage at bargain prices.

The change from an industrial economy to an agrarian economy has meant transformation of: 1) the landscape; 2) the people; and 3) way of life. It has been a lovely change.

Primarily this is now cattle country with properties running from 80 acre patches to multi-thousand acre

Texas-style spreads.

Our town occupies one of the most beautiful locations in Illinois, resting in a basin at the crest of hill-tops and, in turn, surrounded by other hills. Nature has been lavish in the gifts of beauty with which she surrounds us. We are grateful to our forebearers and happy with what we have on this 100th birthday.

In conclusion, here are a few thumbnail sketches of

present-day Elizabeth.

POST OFFICE

Elizabeth Post Office was established as Apple River Post Office Feb. 13, 1835 and the name was changed to Elizabeth Nov. 25, 1842.

Postmasters through the years include Michael Shunk, appointed Feb. 13, 1835; Absolom Wilson, Jan. 19, 1836; James V. Campbell, August 30, 1837; John McDonald, April 16, 1839; Samuel Nye, Sept. 23, 1842; John D. Winters, June 19, 1845; William Bothwell, Jan. 29, 1846.

Also John B. Green, May 23, 1848; Robert Barker, Feb. 9, 1849; Lewis C. Armstrong, Feb. 14, 1854; Abraham Reynolds, April 29, 1854; Joseph B. Lewis, July 13, 1855; Abraham Wilcox, Oct. 1, 1855; Robert Barker, March 2, 1857; John Barker, March 12, 1861; James M. Weir, Aug. 28, 1862; William W. McDonald, June 11, 1883; John Bawden, Oct. 13, 1893.

Also William M. Perry, May 25, 1889; Marietta Bawden (name changed by marriage to Mrs. Marietta Bawden Lee March 14, 1895) Oct. 13, 1893; Albert Bray, Nov. 16, 1896; William Overstreet, Dec. 18, 1897; Cora A. Overstreet, July 24, 1899; Abraham Cox, May 14, 1902; William L. McKenzie, March 28, 1910; John Coveny, July 2, 1914; William L. McKenzie, April 13, 1922 (reappointed on May 29, 1930.)

Also Edmund J. Coveny, Aug. 16, 1933; Robert J. Ertmer, Sept. 25, 1959 and Richard C. Hazer, April 18,

1961.

The post office was located in the building at 202 East Myrtle Street for many years. On Nov. 1, 1961 the new building at 102 East Myrtle Street was completed.

NEWSPAPERS

Elizabeth's newspapers date back to the year of the village's incorporation, 1868, when Bowman E. Ashmore ran a little paper he called the Advertiser and later one called The Lantern. In 1888 Ashmore founded the Elizabeth Weekly News. He re-issued it in 1892 and it has been running continuously since that time.

Another paper published in 1891 was the Elizabeth Bell by Ben J. Terry, who also published The Family Visitor. Another paper was published by a man named Smith. A short time later Courtland S. Gaskell came from Chicago and started a paper. Ashmore later bought him out. The

Elizabeth Times was founded March 10, 1937.

Editors and publishers of the News included Ashmore, Harry Wickham, Charles Walters, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Harlow, T. S. Golden, Edward R. Trebon, Paul Atz, Eigle and Foster (Lewis Eigle later selling his share to Frank Foster) Leon Thamer, Elizabeth Clapp and Charles Hubbard (later known as Read and Read) Russell Gingles, C. V. and G. M. Howery, Ernest Schoenhard and J. Clinton Youle and Orville and Dorothy Zilly. The Zillys bought the News from Schoenhard and Youle in 1951. On April 15, 1957 they purchased the Times and suspended its publication.

Through the years the News has had various homes, moving to the present location at 236-240 North Main Street from the ground floor of the Westphal building in 1957.

The first linotype was purchased in 1916 as was the first power press, operated by gasoline engine.

ELIZABETH TOWNSHIP

Elizabeth township supervisors from 1882 to the present include George Green, L. D. Overstreet, Adam Fetz, J. C. McKenzie, William Hutton, J. H. Bateman, Henry Ashmore, Henry Ryder, R. H. Hosking, J. A. Bingham.

Also R. H. Reed, who served from 1914 to 1935, William H. Tippett, who served from 1935 until his death in 1958 and William O. Eustice, who served from 1958 to the

present time.

HISTORY OF BANKING IN ELIZABETH

As early as 1885, a jewelry store was established in Elizabeth by Anson H. Nash. Mr. Nash sold rings and watches in his store and finally he purchased a large steel safe in which to put his valuables. The people started bringing their money to him, and asking him to place their money in his safe, because they did not want to keep money around their homes. In time, so much money was brought to Mr. Nash for safe keeping he decided to give the people a receipt for their money, and then put all the money together and start a bank in Elizabeth. At this time the people used bank drafts to send money from place to place, as no checks went through the bank.

Mr. Nash, with the assistance of other Elizabeth men, established the Elizabeth Exchange Bank in 1888. This was a private bank and was located where Graves' used car lot is now. In 1914, the Exchange Bank moved into a new bank building which is now use as a Village Hall, and the

Drivers' Training Office.

The Great Western Railroad, the lead mines and farming around Elizabeth brought banking business to the new bank. The livestock industry brought business to Elizabeth as the area gradually changed from mining to livestock.

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At this time, everything in the Exchange Bank was done by pen and ink. The Exchange Bank continued to grow and prosper through the years.

In 1903, Mr. A. H. Nash became ill so Lois E. Nash, his daughter, started working in the Exchange Bank as cashier, a position she held for nearly five years. She continued working in the Exchange Bank after her father died and until her mother sold her interest in the bank.

In the spring of 1909, Miss Nash, with the assistance of a number of Elizabeth residents, organized the Elizabeth State Bank. The new bank opened on December 1, 1909, with a capital of \$25,000. The new bank building was erected where the former Galbraith Hotel stood. Miss Nash would open the Elizabeth State Bank at 6:30 a.m. so that farmers could transact their business and get back home to

The first officers of the new bank were: Jacob Bertsch, President; Bernard Dittmar, Vice President; John Hagie and William Tippett, Sr., Directors. Jacob Bertsch remained as President until he retired, after 26 years, in 1935. The other four remained on the board until their death. At this time, about 1912, there were no market reports available for cattle and hogs so the Chicago market would telegraph the market reports to the Elizabeth State Bank, where it would be placed on a large sign in the window, quoting the daily price for livestock. This was of great interest to the farmers who came to town in their Model T Fords to buy several weeks' supply of food, deposit cash in the bank, and sometimes take in the movie at the Lyric or Home Theatre. The banks and stores were open every evening.

During the early days of banking in this community, business was conducted in a very casual manner. The checking system was new and a rather strange way of transferring money. Stock buyers found that by packing their saddlebags with currency and riding horseback to faraway places such as Rodden, Derinda, and Schapville, the farmers would more readily sell their hogs and cattle for cash. One story is told of the local banker giving the buyer several thousand dollars too much early in the morning and frantically wondering if the mistake would be found when the receipts were checked in that evening. Everything turned out all right because the stockbuyer was so busy buying hogs he didn't count the money until late in the evening to see why he had so much left.

During the 1929-33 depression the Elizabeth Exchange Bank found it was getting more and more difficult for them to continue in business. On June 11, 1932, it was closed and it never opened for business again. The bank situation became worse and on March 4, 1933, every bank in Illinois was closed by a National Moratorium. Then in April the state of Illinois told the Elizabeth State Bank what they would have to do in order to open for business again. After they proved to be solvent, the bank opened again for business on May 12, 1933, under new arrangements.

For thirty years, 1935 to 1965, C. O. Daniel successfully managed the affairs of the Elizabeth State Bank, building the resources from less than a million dollars to a total of eight or nine times that amount. In 1959 they celebrated their 50th anniversary and declared a double dividend to the stock holders. Plans were then made to rebuild and double the size of the banking quarters with the best in efficient bookkeeping equipment, modern furniture, and offices to carry on the tradition as one of Jo Daviess County's largest banks. Since 1965 Alvin Groezinger as Executive Vice President has continued building the resources into a ten million dollar institution. He has been ably assisted by C. R. Dawe, Cashier; Lyle Francomb, Assistant Cashier; Marvin Wurster, Assistant Cashier; Rita Francomb, Secretary and Teller; Darlene Read, Note Clerk and Teller; Catherine Tippett, Head Bookkeeper; Barbara Millerschone, Assistant Bookkeeper.

Glancing back over the past 59 years, the history of the Elizabeth State Bank has been marked by a steady and continuous growth. There have been no mergers, but the bank's progress has been the result of the thrift and prosperity of the community and all the surrounding territory. The bank has had four presidents and three cashiers in 59 years. The present five officers have been with the bank a total of 168 years. The bank has always been under the direct charge of a board of five directors. It will be noticed that not only have there been relatively few changes in the officers and employees in 59 years, but all those engaged in operating the institution are home people interested in this business area.

THE RAILROAD

The railroad was completed by 1888 and the first train went thru. First the coaches were colorful, red with gold lettering and the engine had a red smoke stack.

The railroad line was Minnesota and Northwestern Railroad and Chicago, St. Paul and Kansas City merged into one in 1887 and became known by the latter name. This was a name change only, as both roads were under the same management. Later—in 1892 the road became known as the Chicago Great Western.

LIBRARY

The first Elizabeth Library was a village project supported by W. P. A. (Works Progress Administration) funds.

Early in the depression years, possibly 1933 or 1934, a representative of the W. P. A. from Rockford consulted various residents concerning starting a library here as a W. P. A. project. Among these people were Elizabeth School Supt. Harold Taft, Postmaster and Mrs. E. J. Coveny and Cora Bryson.

The Farm Bureau had vacated the building at 200 East Myrtle Street and Mr. Coveny, owner, offered the use of a small room in the south corner of the building rent free for the library.

Mrs. George (Cecil) Scott was hired as librarian with Miss Bryson as her assistant. When the building was again rented, the library was moved to a part of Mr. Taft's office in the school and was located there until 1946.

On discontinuance of the W. P. A. the library continued to function until April 1943 only because Mrs. Scott donated her services, pending a vote on a proposed tax measure to support it as a township library. This vote passed in April 1943 when it became a township library, however, it remained in the school until 1946.

When the government funds for W. P. A. began to run out and it was rumored that the library would have to close, Mrs. Roy Dresser contacted the state library a Springfield, to see what would be done with the books already in the library here. She was told that if a place could be found for them, the library could keep them, also if more shelf room could be made available the local library could have additional W. P. A. books.

Mrs. Dresser called a meeting of residents, including Township Supervisor William Tippett, Russell Gingles, editor of the Elizabeth Weekly News; James Coburn, lawyer; Joe Graham, Dr. Coleman Buford, August Berlage and Wayne Gustafson. Advisability of having a referendum to vote on a library tax was discussed and it was decided to ask for a tax not to exceed two mills.

The Rev. Norman Nye, Methodist minister at that time, was also interested in the project and circulated the petition, securing the required 50 signers. This tax measure was voted on in April 1943. Balloting was surprisingly heavy due mostly to the vote on the library tax, which passed 146-42

This tax was expected to bring in funds to pay the librarians' salary, purchase books, pay other expenses and provide a fund for later expansion of library facilities.

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Āt the April 1943 election members were elected to serve on the library board with terms of two to six years. Those elected were Mrs. Glenn (Dorothy) Droegmiller and Wayne Gustafson, two years; Joe Graham and Mrs. Cletus (Dorothy) Dawe, four years; Mrs. Roy Dresser and Frank Tippett, six years. An organization meeting resulted in Mrs. Dresser being president; Mr. Tippett, vice-president; Mrs. Droegmiller, secretary and Mrs. Dawe treasurer. Mrs. Scott was hired as librarian.

As the school needed the space occupied by the library, the board rented the small Goldsworthy building, located between the present News building and Goldsworthy building. This building was later razed. Some furniture, shelves and stoves were purchased and the library was moved in July 1946, remaining there until 1949 when the board signed a ten year lease with the Elizabeth State Bank for the first floor space vacated by the Ira Shaw Drug Store. The library was moved in October of that year.

Mrs. Omer Beck became substitute librarian in 1957 and in 1958 she and Mrs. Scott divided their time on duty. Mrs. Scott resigned in December of that year after serving almost 20 years. Mrs. Beck then became fulltime librarian and Mrs. Blanchard Menzemer was later hired as assistant.

In June 1962, the library board was again faced with finding new quarters as the bank was planning to expand the facilities. In July of that year they purchased the Walter Greier building on East Myrtle Street. It was completely remodeled and the books and furniture were moved to the present location October 30-31 of that year.

For several years the librarian had been able to order books not in the library from the state library at Springfield. Later a regional library was set up at Savanna. The local library could get several books at a time from this library and keep them for several months. This service was dis-

continued about four years ago.

In June 1966, the library board unanimously voted to join the Northern Illinois Library System and take advantage of the services it offers. These include monthly shipments of new books from the American Library, magazines, art prints, films, film strips and tapes for lending. Later there will be phonograph records for loan.

A van comes from Rockford each Tuesday and brings what has been ordered from the Rockford library. If not available there they can get the needed item from a Chicago

library.

Magazine articles and other items can be (x-rayed) (micro-filmed) on order at Rockford and sent out for use by students or other residents.

Every 10 weeks the Bookmobile visits the library and the librarian is allowed to choose 50 books.

In October 1966 Mrs. Menzemer resigned as assistant

librarian and Mrs. Roland Reynolds succeeded her. In April 1967 Mrs. Dawe resigned as treasurer of the board, after 24 years service. Mrs. Dresser, president and Frank Tippett, vice-president, retired as directors in 1967 after having served in those offices since the inception of the library in 1943, 24 years each. Mrs. Droegmiller was a director from 1943-1963 and served as secretary during those years.

The present president, Stanley Goldthorpe, invited Mrs. Dresser to be honorary president of the board. He has been a director since 1950. Other officers include Harry Tucker, vice-president, elected in 1967; Mrs. William (Irma) Eustice, secretary-treasurer, director since 1963; Mrs. Dawe, director since 1943; August Berlage, director since 1963 and Mrs. Frank (Dora) Tippett, elected in 1967.

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VILLAGE BOARD

Settlers were first attracted to the locality of what is now the village of Elizabeth in search of lead in 1825. At that time it was a wilderness inhabited by Indians.

Gradually, as the fame of the lead mines spread, settlers flocked in and the village was founded. However, it was not until 1839 that the village was platted. The plat of the original village of Elizabeth was recorded March 26, 1840 in the Jo Daviess county recorder's office. Some time after, what is known as Reynolds' addition to the village, was platted and surveyed and recorded June 10, 1847. But it was not until 1868 that the village was incorporated. On May 4 of that year, an election was held to decide whether or not to incorporate — 74 votes were cast in favor of incorporation, 32 against.

On April 18, 1884 an election was held on the question of incorporating under the general law. The vote was 35 for, 45 against. Another election was held May 3, 1886 which resulted in a vote of 60 for incorporating under general law and 14 against. William Perry, the clerk, was instructed to make the necessary reports to the county

clerk and secretary of state.





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Early ordinances provided for impounding any animal

running at large.

Licenses were necessary for anyone selling, vending or retailing goods, wares, merchandise or other property at private sale or public auction. Also for exhibiting any show, exhibition, theatrical performance, wax figures, animals, puppets or feats or tricks such as circus riding or exhibition of like nature for profit or gain.

A license to sell liquor cost \$750 per year. Billiard, bagatelle, Jenny Lind and pigeon hole tables, nine or ten-pin alleys, shooting gallery or shuffle board were

licensed at \$20 per table or \$30 if there were two.

Dram shops were closed every Sunday, general or special election day or between 1 and 4 p.m. on Memorial or Decoration Day or between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. each day. The Memorial Day closing was later amended and opening hours were from 5 p.m. to 12 o'clock a.m.

Every able bodied man over 21 and under 50 years of age was required to labor on the streets for two days of each year or pay a poll tax of 75 cents per day for two days

to improve the streets.

Persons with smallpox or other infectious diseases were subject to fines for going into a public place while in danger of transmitting the disease, as was anyone attending such a

person without changing clothes.

The village president, each year during May, posted printed notices commanding all village residents to, within ten days of the notice, thoroughly cleanse and purify their yards, barn lots, pig styes, cellars, privies, alleys and streets adjacent of all trash, filth, manure and other noisome substances likely to occasion disease or prove offensive to any person in the village.

Earliest village records (minutes) available begin May 15, 1880 at which time Paul Prisk was elected president, T. B. Bray, Clerk and Leo Hafsig (sp), treasurer. Richard Gott was appointed street commissioner and constable.

According to information given, grocery stores were

licensed at \$100 per annum.

Labor was paid \$1.00 to \$1.50 per day - \$2.50 with team. The street commissioner received \$1.50 per day if he had five or more men helping him, \$1.25 per day if he had less than five men assisting. Judges of election were paid \$1.50 and \$1.00 was paid for use of the voting place.

Early minutes indicate the trustees were elected, then organized, electing a president, clerk and treasurer from their group. The minutes of 1889 are the first to indicate that candidates for president, clerk and trustees appeared on the ballot. These were nominated at a caucus. Charles Banwarth was elected president with 60 votes; W. M. Perry, unopposed, received 118 for clerk. John Kolb with 61 and Royal Miller and John Becker with 60 each were named trustees. There were six candidates for three seats. Holdover members were Charles Leonard, J. Meffley and H.

In 1884 it was voted to set the town constable's salary at \$150 for the municipal year. In 1885 he was given 50 cents per person arrested if found guilty and if the fine wasn't paid he was to lock him up and feed him, receiving 25 cents per meal from the village board.

Drug stores were required to have a permit to sell liquor for medicinal purposes.

In 1886 a public well was installed at J. Meeter's corner. A rock crusher was purchased in 1896 for \$765.

The same year saloons were permitted to allow card playing on their premises for pastime but not for drinks or

Dr. Hutton and Smith "have the privilege of erecting two telephones on Main Street for private use." 1899.

Slot machines were outlawed in 1899.

In 1888 the beer wagon was served notice not to enter

the corporate limits with beer for delivery.

A waterworks ordinance was passed July 1, 1903. The following May the following annual water rates were set: banks \$4; bakeries and restaurants \$7; barber shops, one chair \$3; barber shops, additional chair, \$1; bath tubs, private \$1.50; bath tubs, public \$4; billiard room, each table \$2; blacksmith shops \$3; building purposes, special: butcher shops \$3; churches \$3; creameries, special.

Also cistern filled 50 barrels or less \$2; each additional 50 barrels \$1; drug store \$5; drug store with soda fountain \$7; dwelling house, one family \$1; dwelling house, each additional family \$3; dwelling house with barn privilege for one cow or horse including washing buggies, extra \$1; each additional cow or horse 50 cents; fountains 1/4 jet, flowing not to exceed six hours daily for season of six months \$8; hotels not plumbed \$10; hotels plumbed, special; motors. special; offices \$3; photograph rooms \$6; printing offices with engine \$8; printing offices without engine, special.

Stores \$4; saloons \$12; livery including washing rigs, special; schools public \$10; sprinkling lawns and gardens from May 1 to Nov. 1 per 50 foot lot \$3; each additional foot 4 cents; private barn, one horse or cow, including washing buggies \$1.50; each additional horse or cow \$1; boarding house, special; building, 1000 brick, 10 cents; building 1 cord stone 15 cents; building 100 square yard plastering 15 cents.

Meter rates: 100 to 500 gallons per day per 1000 gallons 35 cents; 500 to 2000 gallons per day per 1000 gallons 25 cents; 2000 gallons per day or over 20 cents.

Village officials are now elected for four year terms. The

polls are located in the village hall.

Present officials include Charles C. Youtzy, president; Lyle A. Francomb, clerk; Abe Gerlich, Frank Lieb, Irvin Stadel, Marvin Walker, Kenneth Williams and Jack Graves, trustees. Mrs. Burton (Darlene) Read is treasurer. The treasurer is appointed by the board. Eugene Krug is village police chief and Norman Kevern is village maintenance

ELIZABETH MASONIC LODGE

"At a special meeting called by D. F. Lawton, grand lecturer of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, for the purpose of organizing Kavanaugh Lodge, at the village of Elizabeth, Jo Daviess County, State of Illinois, June 16, 1845. The new Lodge resolved that this Lodge adopt the by-laws of Dubuque Lodge, Dubuque, Iowa, for the government of the



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new lodge, and would be allowed to work under the dispensation of the Constitutional Laws and Edicts of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin." The foregoing is copied from the

original minutes of June 16, 1845.

After the business meeting the Lodge adjourned until 9 o'clock the next morning. The new Lodge met at 9 o'clock the following morning, worked till noon, met again at 1 p.m., worked till 6, met again at 7 p.m. and worked till 9:30 p.m. The Lodge met morning, afternoon and evening for six consecutive days. No mention is made of what building was used for this week of the beginning of Kavanaugh Lodge No. 36.

At the close of this six days of Lodge meetings, a committee was appointed to negotiate with a certain Mr. Barker for the use of a suitable room and the secretary procure a book to record the proceedings of the lodge. It was resolved to meet on the first and third Saturdays of each

month.

As candles were the only means of illumination, Lodge met at six o'clock (p.m.) in all the summer months. For heating, the fuel bill was about \$1.50 for one half cord of wood, 25 cents to saw it and another 25 cents to carry it

up into the Lodge hall.

At a special meeting June 23, 1946, called by the Grand Master of Illinois, this Kavanaugh Lodge surrendered to the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin Territory, the dispensation under which it had been working and come under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Illinois. Brother William Vance was to be the first master of Kavanaugh Lodge, August Mitchell the first senior warden, and William Warwick the first Junior Warden. August 1, 1846, the Lodge was meeting in the upper story of John Winter's store.

Brother Wm. Bothwell was secretary and his penmanship was very easy to read, and we are indebted to him for much of the early history of Kavanaugh Lodge. On April 1, 1847, the Lodge room rent had been raised to \$4 a month, and a motion was made, that a committee be appointed to make inquiry about building a lodge room, hire money and report at the next meeting. But about one month later, on motion, it was resolved to abandon the idea of building a Masonic Lodge on the stone walls. No further mention is made of building a lodge hall for the next twenty-two years. In 1850 the Lodge was paying less rent or \$16.70 for a year, and candles for illumination were down to 12 cents a pound.

Some of the Lodge expenses in 1853 were washing aprons 25 cents, spit boxes for lodge room 40 cents, washing lodge room 50 cents, candles 10 cents per pound, snuffers 45 cents, two candlesticks 20 cents, postage for five

letters 10 cents, and hauling stove 20 cents.

May, 1865, the first mention of different lighting was when a committee was appointed to procure six lamps and suitable oil, for the use of the Lodge. The total cost of the same was \$4.80. Mention is made of paying the usual funeral expenses of a deceased brother, said expenses to be \$33. Also the secretary was instructed to procure a suitable desk for all the Lodge books and papers, the cost not to exceed \$20. The tyler was instructed to make arrangements for the winter's supply of cord wood.

November, 1867, a committee was appointed to take up the Lodge carpet, put fresh straw under it, and lay it down

again.

February, 1868, a committee of three was appointed to confer with a committee from the Presbyterian Church to consult about building a church and Masonic Hall under the same roof. About two months later, the committee reported they had not accomplished anything so the committee was discharged.



In December, 1868, a motion was passed to sell shares to all members for the purpose of building a Masonic Hall. A committee was appointed to draw a plan of a building and the probable cost. The new Masonic Hall was dedicated in 1869. It was a two-story building, with a full basement. This was the first brick building erected in Elizabeth. About 20 years later

other brick buildings were erected on Main Street. This Masonic Hall, although a century old, stands today in excellent condition. We, today, owe a debt to our ancestors who built so well. The first floor of this building has housed a hardware store through most of these years.

After 123 years, the present membership is around 100 members. The present officers are James Fitzgerald, Floyd Wilcox, Donald Eastman, Russell Roberts, and Maurice Read. At the present time, Kavanaugh Lodge, No. 36, is the seventeenth oldest lodge in the state of Illinois.

ELIZABETH SCHOOL

The site of the present school, 2.53 acres, was sold to the school trustees for District 1, later District 36 and now Community Unit School District 208, by Sarah and Henry Green of Elizabeth for \$506 on Aug. 16, 1889.

The first building consisted of four rooms, two downstairs and two up. It was first used in the fall of 1889. Townspeople were very angry because the grammar room was not used the first year or so. Approximate cost of the building, furnace and seats for two rooms was \$8329. The school was heated by a wood burning furnace for which Dr. William Hutton furnished the wood.

The school board for 1889-1900 consisted of Dr. William Hutton, president; Thomas Bray, clerk; and James Harkness.

Teachers that year were Richard Rogers, principal; Ella M. Read, intermediate; Fannie M. Bryson, primary; Mary Scott, Burton.

The first graduating class attended one full school year in the new building. The five members of this class, Jessie Fraser, Addie Wilcox, Reynolds Cox, Dora Spurrell Cox and

Ada Sherrard Virtue, are all deceased.

Commencement for the class of 1892 was delayed for a night due to the fact that several days of rain had washed out bridges and trains were delayed. A special train of delegates from the national Democratic convention in Chicago was stranded in Elizabeth. The town was full of Democrats looking for food and a place to stay.



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In 1900 or 1904 (exact date unknown) the school became a four year high school. Around 1900 a west addition of two rooms was built with the first floor used for a primary room and the upper room for grammar school.

The school was partially burned during Christmas vacation in 1912. School was conducted in the primary and grammar rooms, the Catholic school and Methodist Church

until the end of the school year.

Basketball games were played in the town hall with dressing rooms on either side of the stage. When the stage was torn down, the home town team dressed at the Catholic Church a block away or in the hall basement with a trap door as the entrance. Visiting teams used the movie projection booth, which was reached by a ladder. Football games were played on the river bottom gridiron.

In 1919 sewing and agriculture were offered for the first time. Cooking was added the next year. These classes met in the Catholic school. In 1921 the high school became a

community high school.



In 1926 a front addition of two rooms with renovation of stairs and entrances was made at an approximate cost of \$16,000. A gym, classrooms, office, library, etc., were added in 1930 for approximately \$22,000.

Late in 1951 Elizabeth Community Unit District No. 208 was established and became operative July 1, 1952. It

takes in an area of 91 square miles.



In 1952-54 a band room, visual aid room, lunchroom and balcony were added at a cost of approximately \$60,000. On Sept. 8, 1958 contracts were signed for the new high school building directly behind the original

building and connected by a hallway. The 127 x 130 foot brick structure includes a gym with 1100 to 1200 seating capacity, science lab, home economics room, clinic, administration office, ag classroom and shop. This building was constructed at an approximate cost of \$242,589. The school is equipped with a public address system.

Four rooms were completed in 1967 for use in the English, mathematics, and social studies department with a suite of two rooms for the commercial department. Including furnishings, the cost was approximately \$75,000.

Subjects offered include English I-IV, American History, World History, Algebra I and II, Geometry, College Prep Math., Physics, Bookkeeping, Shorthand, Office Practice, Typing, French I and II, General Science, Biology, Chemistry, Agriculture I-IV, Agricultural Occupations, Mechanical Drawing, Driver Training, Girls' and Boys' P.E., band and vocal instruction, Home Economics I and II, Homemaking and Family Living.

There are 300 students enrolled in grade school and 116 in high school. The faculty includes 25 full and part time instructors. Two janitors, two cooks, seven bus drivers and

an office secretary complete the staff.

The present budget is \$242,000 for education; \$27,000 for building and \$25,000 for transportation.



Superintendents included R. Rogers, 1888-94; O. E. Taylor, 1894-97; Fred H. Coombs, 1897-1900; O. S. Meyer, 1900-02; David D. Madden, 1902-04; Loyd Engle, 1904-05; H. Storm, 1905-08; Clark Emry, 1908-10; E. L. Bost, 1910-12; R. I. Lewis, 1912-14; W. B. Storm, 1914-16; J. M. Guntnorp, 1916-17; Lewis Eigle, 1917-18; Lee M. Blair, 1918-19; William Birdzell, 1919-24; A. E. Redman, 1924-26; R. A. Wallace, 1926-27; Harold Taft, 1927-41; Donald Clikeman, 1941-45; J. Howard Quick, 1945-47; A. E. Cockrum, 1947-50; Lewis Wainwright, 1950-51; Edward C. Hodge, 1951-58; Raymond I. Thom, 1958-to present.

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Mrs. Della Laign was the first worthy matron, Frank Fraser was worthy patron and A. E. Mougin, secretary.

Present officers are Mrs. Lawrence Grebner, worthy matron; Lawrence Grebner, worthy patron; Mrs. Harold Gable, treasurer; and Mrs. Harley Breed, secretary.

The group meets the first Friday of the month with special meetings called by the worthy matron.

PATRIOTIC CIRCLE

The Ladies Auxiliary, predecessor of the Patriotic Circle, was organized over 55 years ago. Exact date is not known. It was a branch of the Sons of Veterans. Mrs. Mamie Shaw was the first president.

At an unknown date they relinquished their charter and organized the Patriotic Circle. At that time relationship to a veteran was a requisite for membership. This ruling was later changed and patriotism and United States citizenship were the requirements for membership.



The Patriotic Circle places flowers on the unknown soldiers' graves at St. Mary's and Elizabeth Cemeteries each Memorial Day. The group was in charge of the Memorial Day observances for a number of years.

Picnic tables, fireplaces, water fountain and park signs were placed in the city park by the Circle. They assisted in raising funds for the street sign fund and each year send gifts to Hines Hospital and to any ill serviceman from the area.

At the present time there are 25 members, not all of whom are able to be active.

Present officers are Mrs. William Tyson, president; Mrs. William Hubb Sr., vice-president; Mrs. John Gerkman, treasurer; Mrs. Harry Brandt, secretary; Mrs. Frank Wilcox, reporter; Mrs. William Plosch, cheer committee; and Mrs. Floyd Eustice, chaplain.

FARMERS COOPERATIVE CREAMERY COMPANY

In the spring of 1914 a group of 75 farmers formed the Farmers Cooperative Creamery and on April 11 held the first stockholders' meeting to organize and elect a board of five directors.

Elected were John F. Allen, L. H. Breed, Ed Monnier, Frank Becker, and Donald Bryson. Mr. Allen was chosen president and served in that capacity for 25 years. S. B. Reynolds acted as secretary while the creamery was being organized.

Just prior to this time the dairy industry was going through a transition from the marketing of whole milk to that of farm-separated cream. The creamery was organized to provide a good market for that cream.

Each member invested \$100 representing one share of stock. No member was allowed to own more than one share of stock. (This, however, has since been changed when each member was given four shares of the par value of \$25 in lieu of the one.)

The building site was purchased from N. A. Gault. Steve Lane was construction engineer and Henry Goldhorn was the brick layer. B. F. Freeman, who assisted in designing the plant plans, was hired as the first buttermaker.

By September the creamery was ready for operation. Prices paid for butterfat at its first pay period was 32 cents. The present rate (as per 1967 annual report) is 70.12 cents.

JO DAVIESS COUNTY FARM BUREAU

A genuine interest in farmers prompted John E. Bonnet of Menominee township to call a meeting of farmers at the court house in Galena on March 15, 1919 to consider the possibility of organizing a Farm Bureau.

Mr. Bonnett was elected temporary president and Frank T. Sheean, a Galena lawyer, was elected temporary secretary. Membership committees were appointed and farmers were asked to sign pledge cards and pay a membership fee to the organization if and when a farm advisor was employed.

The permanent organization was effected on Sept. 14, 1919, with 376 charter members at the court house.

The first board of directors consisted of Mr. Bonnett, president; F. E. Coppernoll, Stockton, vice-president; Ralph R. Heidenreich, Woodbine, secretary; George Curtiss, Stockton, treasurer; and directors, Ed Gessmer of Nora, R. H. Reed of Elizabeth, E. F. Hunt of Hanover, M. A. Goodmiller of Pleasant Valley and C. A. Heller of East Dubuque.

Leaders assisting at the organization meeting of the first board of directors included Albert Sheetz, Bernard Neuwohner, Vern D. Stock, Charles H. Keltner, Preston Williams, Frank Bryson, Benedict Welp, Joseph Budden and W. G. Curtiss.

The village of Elizabeth was selected as the location for the office and C. C. Burns was hired as farm advisor. Mr. Burns began work in the spring of 1920. The office was located in the building which now houses Jo-Carroll Electric Cooperative Inc., at 200 East Myrtle Street. In 1933 the building at 218 North Main Street, now housing Tyson's Fashionette, was purchased and was used as Farm Bureau headquarters until the present structure at 212 North Main Street was built in 1947 and has been maintained as an office for the Farm Bureau, I.A.A. Insurance Service and Jo Daviess Service Company since that time. In 1945 the Farm Bureau residence at 205 West Catlin Street, now occupied by Sec. of Organization Don Spears, was purchased.

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Present board of directors of Farm Bureau included Ralph Tranel, East Dubuque, president; Edmund Berlage, Galena, vice president; Forrest Ingram, Apple River, secretary; and Kenneth McPeek, Stockton, treasurer.

THE AMERICAN LEGION

Named in memory of William H. Toms and William D. Reusch, who gave their lives while serving in the armed forces during World War 1, Toms-Reusch Post 722, The American Legion, was granted a temporary charter March 25, 1921. Dr. Lewis R. May was post commander. This charter became permanent June 26, 1931.

Names appearing on the charter include Frank L. Moist, Roy Armitage, Ross H. Logan, Edmund Coveny, Robert H. Martin, Elmer Lee Westphal, August F. Wand, Harley G. Breed, Orville J. Cox, Frank Eadie, Henry J. Meyer, George D. Bohm, Percy Hutchison, Dr. Lewis R. May and E. C. Bray.

On Feb. 22, 1946, a permanent charter changing the Post name to Toms-Reusch-Allen Post 722, The American Legion, was granted. The Allen name being added in memory of Richard Allen, who gave his life in Africa during World War II. Louis H. Schumacher was commander at this time.

During the years membership has ranged from 15 to 88 persons with the present membership standing at 31 members. Orville Streicher is present commander of the Post, which annually sponsors a delegate to Boys' State.

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In 1922, under the supervision of M. A. Goodmiller of Pleasant Valley township, member of the first Farm Bureau board of directors, the first 4-H Club, Elizabeth Boys' Pig Club, was organized. In 1926, 1928, 1929 and 1935, a Dairy Calf Club, Nora Beef Club, Stockton Dairy Club and a Beef Club was organized to stimulate interest in the various programs.



In 1929 two home economics clothing clubs were organized by Mrs. R. D. Morissee, Mrs. Cecil Pierce and Mrs. Elmer Doubler of the Stockton area. Later Mrs. Ralph Pierce of Stockton directed the 4-H Home Economics Clubs until the advisor came in 1935.

The County 4-H shows were held in conjunction with the Warren Fair until 1932 when they were transferred to Elizabeth. In 1965 the show again was returned to Warren.





In 1939 a County 4-H Club Federation was organized with officers representing both agriculture and home economics clubs with the purpose to increase enrollment, improve upon quality of work done and to combine county activities.

Four-H clubs in the immediate area at this time and their leaders include: Betsy Junior, Mrs. Don E. Smith and Mrs. William Tippett; Salem Sisters, Mrs. Wayne Arnold; Woodbine Rangers, Floyd Lankenau and Gilbert Coppernoll; Top Notchers, Dick Reusch; Rush Creek Rollers, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hatfield; Rush Creek Rockettes, Mrs. Richard Bernhardt and Mrs. Ronald Beyer.

ELIZABETH COMMUNITY FAIR

First Elizabeth Community Fair was held in the city park in 1921 with 470 head of livestock exhibited. It was a one day event.

In 1922 it was decided to combine the fair with a homecoming. It was planned for the evening of September 6 and all day September 7.

William Birdzell was chairman of the September 6 program which included a band concert, folk dancing, singing and a rural playlet.

Fair day activities began at 9 a.m. with a parade followed by judging during the morning. The women's department was housed in town hall.

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Ribbons were awarded winners with each having a point value and prizes were awarded on the basis of points in each division.

The afternoon was given over to speeches and other entertainment.

Charles Williams was the president at this time. Vicepresident was Donald Bryson, Elmer Westphal was secretary and A. E. McKillips was treasurer. Mrs. Frank Bryson was chairman of the women's department and E. June Pratt was secretary.

In 1932 the county 4-H show was held in conjunction with the fair, which was moved to West Side Park about 1938 and became a three day event. The fair association began receiving state aid in 1946. The women's department was then housed in the school.

Fair days were changed to early August but were set for the second weekend in September in 1965.

Officers of the Elizabeth Community Fair Association are Larry Berlage, president; Lawrence Mitchell, vice-president; Dick Reusch, secretary-treasurer; Dr. Don E. Smith, chairman of concessions. Directors are Bill Sullivan, Wayne Trost, John Eversoll, Jim Berlage, Dick Williams, Wayman Cobine, Gordon Haffield, LaVerle Streicher, Donald Hill, Ken Eickman, Raymond Holland, Wayne Krohmer, George Morhardt, Kenneth Bohnsack.

Mrs. Charles Waser is chairman of the women's department and Mrs. Fred Monnier is secretary.

BOY SCOUTS

Troop 1, Elizabeth 8, Boy Scouts of America, included Hoyle Hutchison, Boyd Goldsworthy, Julian Lee, Lelan Read, Lynn Read, Alvin Rodden, George Schmidt and Harry Tucker. This was in 1927.

F. H. Tucker, H. M. McKillips and Frank Foster comprised the troop committee.

In 1928 the Boy Scouts listed Hutchison, Goldsworthy, Schmidt, Rodden, Lee, Harvey Fraser, Myles Breed, Ray Jones, Harlan Breed and Clifford Jones as members.

LaVerne Cook was Scoutmaster and the American Legion was the sponsor. The troop committee was made up of Asa Wilcox, Percy Hutchison and Ben Blewett.

The first charter on record was received by Elizabeth Boy Scout Troop No. 33 in June 1936 when William H. Ake, pastor of the Methodist Church, served as Scoutmaster. The church sponsored the troop.

Troop committee members were W. E. Fahrion, chairman; H. R. Brunnemeyer and Harold Taft.

The Scout roster included Alvin Atz, Ralph Arnold, Buford Beck, William Bishop, Emmett Breed, Jack Brunne-





meyer, Warren Hopkins, Burton Read, LeVerne Rodden, Edgar Potratz, Marvin Schreck, Billie Wright, Wayne Wilcox, Howard Hopkins, Harold Young, Carlyle Hutton, Bruce Bryant and Keith Wilcox.

Former Scoutmasters include William H. Ake, 1936; Raymond Jones, 1937; Cletus Dawe, 1939; Ernest Watson, 1946; Theodore Elliott with Don Ruble assistant, 1947; Donald Paustian, 1948; Don Beck, 1952-1958; Marlo Specht, 1958; Robert J. Ertmer, 1959; Melvin Albrecht, 1960-61; Wallace Arnold, 1964-65; Wayne Trost, 1965 to present.

The Lions Club assumed sponsorship in 1947.

Wayne Trost became Scoutmaster in 1965 and a Webelos den was formed in 1965 with John Eversoll as leader. An Explorer troop with Robert Thomas as leader organized early in 1968.

Wayne Krohmer is chairman of the troop committee with Eldon Heidenreich, institutional representative; Harold Muchow, Glen Shaw Jr., and Dr. Donald E. Smith, Committeemen.

Members of the troop include Terry Arnold, David Bishop, Gary Bishop, Lonnie Francomb, Bobby Haun, Butch Heidenreich, Tom Kloss, Scott Price, Jack Rife, Randy Shaw, Barney Smith, Ricky Tippett, Bud Trader, Bruce Trost, Stevie Trost, Jeff Walker, Randy Walker and Herbie Wilson.

The Explorer troop has as members Randy Krohmer, Steve Ehrler, Dale McCall, Jeff Stadel and Gary Holland.

JO DAVIESS SERVICE COMPANY

First meeting of Jo Daviess Service Company was held April 22, 1931.

Original directors were John Bonnet, president; Will Bonjour, vice-president; Charlton McFadden, secretary; Otto Berlage, treasurer. Directors were Walter Virtue, Louis Haug and George Williams. J. G. Williams was the first manager.

The first annual meeting was held August 2, 1932. Sales were reported at \$27,739.64. Total net worth was \$13,300.

Sales at the end of 36 years of operation in 1967 were \$1,194,362 with state and federal taxes deducted. Total net worth is reported at \$473,996.

Present Jo Daviess Service Co. officers: Elmer Brunner, Stockton, president; Wayne Blair, Nora, vice president; Leo Haug, Stockton, secretary; Clifford Dittmar, Elizabeth, treasurer. Other members of the board include Howard Tranel, East Dubuque; Donald Stoewer, Galena; James Berlage, Elizabeth; Clifford Knapp, Stockton. Clifford Knapp is on the board as a representative of Farm Bureau. Marvin Weisert is manager.

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Before being designated as the Stabilization and Conservation Service, this organization enjoyed a long history of service to farmers.

The congress of the United States passed the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1933 (Triple-A) to provide price support protection for farmers. Commodity loan programs were carried out using funds drawn on the account of the Commodity Credit Corporation — much the same as they are now being done.

The Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment ACT of 1936 shifted emphasis from production controls to soil conservation. The Agricultural Conservation Program was

set up at this time.

In 1948 the organization was established as an agency

of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

A succession of legislative acts were made in the late 1940's thru the 1950's to support farm prices. Thru this period the government kept accumulating stocks of surplus grain. In 1960 the amount invested in surplus stocks totaled \$6 billion dollars.

Early in 1961 the present production adjustment programs were established.

Since then, the excess government owned stocks have virtually disappeared.

From its inception in 1933 until the present, the activities of the organization have been directed by a three man board of locally-elected farmers, working with help provided by the community committeemen and office staff.

The office has always been located in Elizabeth. Early records indicate that the first office was established in the Hutton Building in 1933. From 1935 thru 1939 the organization used part of the Farm Bureau Building, moving then to the Goldthorpe Building. In 1959 the office moved to the present quarters at 225 North Main.

FARMERS HATCHERY AND EXCHANGE

Started in 1932 primarily as a hatchery, Farmers Hatchery and Exchange added the sale of feed to their line at the suggestion of the manager, James H. Fraser. The business was situated on North Main Street where the Elizabeth Garage parking lot is now located.

John Atz was the first president with Henry Droegmiller, vice-president; Wesley T. Mitchell, secretary; August Berlage

and John Allen, directors.

In 1954 the business completed a building at 108 West Myrtle Street and this has been its headquarters since that time.

Four managers have been employed by the hatchery. In addition to Mr. Fraser, they were Orville Hatton, Fred Monnier and the present manager, John E. Haug.

Started with the sale of \$1080 in stock in 1932, the business has prospered and grown through the years.

Present directors include August Berlage, president; Harlan Reusch, vice-president; Charles Fahrion, secretary; Lawrence Mitchell and Harry Atz, members.

JO DAVIESS COUNTY HOMEMAKERS EXTENSION ASSOCIATION

In the fall of 1932 and especially during the winter and spring of 1935, "thrift meetings were held in Jo Daviess

county at the Farm Bureau office, then located at the site of the present offices of Jo-Carroll Electric Cooperative, Inc., and at the homes of various women throughout the county.

Lulu Black of the University of Illinois Extension Service conducted these meetings, teaching the women how to make soap, remodeling, etc., and how to utilize material available as it was hard to get and of a poor grade. Mary Louise Chase of the Extension Service, talked to the women about organizing a Home Bureau so they could obtain this information plus many more ideas.

The county group was formed in September 1935 with 14 units consisting of 387 members. Ethel Myers, the first

advisor, came in October of that year.

First county officers were Mrs. A. M. Ault of Elizabeth, who was succeeded by Mrs. Ralph Pierce of Stockton, when she moved, chairman; Mrs. Homer Curtiss of Stockton, vice-chairman; Mrs. Coleman Buford, Elizabeth, treasurer and 4-H director; Mrs. Walter Schlichting of Schapville and



Mrs. Elmer Brown of Stockton, secretary; Mrs. H. R. Brunnemeyer, Elizabeth, publicity director; Mrs. Vern Davenport, Nora, recreation director; Mrs. R. E. Sandman, Hanover and Mrs. John Bonnett of East Dubuque, minor project directors.

The aim of the Home Bureau (the name was changed to Homemakers Extension Association in the early 1960's), is to have every home — economically sound, mechanically convenient, physically healthful, morally wholesome, mentally stimulating, artistically satisfying, socially responsible, spiritually inspiring — founded upon mutual

affection and respect. (Juliet Lita Bane.)

Home advisors have been Mrs. Ethel Myers Greenup 1935-1941; Mrs. Erlene Barron Buford 1941-1943; 1954-1955; Rose M. Stubbs 1943-1944; Evelyn White Titus 1944-1946; Mrs. Homer Curtiss 1947-1948; Esther Sieman 1950-1952; Darlene Ray 1952-1953; Mrs. Donald E. Smith 1955-1956; Mrs. Cynthia Traughber Eustice 1956-1957; Mrs. Judith Kay Pierce Adams 1958-1960; Mrs. Carol Tomlinson Schaber 1960-1964; Mrs. Alice Williams Mayberry 1964-1967.

Charter members still active include Mrs. Harold Gable and Mrs. Fred Monnier, Elizabeth Evening Unit; Mrs. William Fahrion, Mrs. Burl Reed and Mrs. Leo Kelly, Elizabeth Sunshine unit; Mrs. Ralph Heidenreich, Woodbine unit; Mrs. John Menzemer and Dorothy Parker, Warren unit; Mrs. Vern Davenport and Mrs. Ralph Mammoser, Nora unit; Mrs. Homer Curtiss, Mrs. Myron Lawfer, Mrs. Walter Schlichting, Mrs. H. H. Finkenbinder and Mrs. Richard

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JO DAVIESS COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

First meeting of the proposed Jo Daviess County Soil Conservation association was held Dec. 24, 1935. The

board decided to incorporate in 1936.

Jo Daviess County Soil Conservation District was organized in December of 1940. The certificate of organization was issued by the Secretary of State in 1941. The original district consisted of the east portion of the county. In October, 1944, the remainder of the county was accepted into the district.

The office was located in Stockton until July 1960 when it was moved to the present location at 227 North Main

Street.

Long time objectives of the district are to promote the general welfare and security within the district. Purpose of the district is to maintain the productivity of the soil by conserving and restoring soil fertility through the practical application of erosion control and good land use practices. The overall objective of the district is the constructive use of the soil, water, forest, fish and wildlife resources for the maximum benefit to the greatest number for the longest time possible.

The district sponsors an annual poster contest, an annual

airlift and Soil Stewardship Week.

Present directors include Lester Jones of Apple River, chairman; Oscar Krug, Scales Mound, vice-chairman; Harlan Haug, Elizabeth, secretary; Ed Hawley, Stockton, member; and Lee Anderson, Scales Mound, member. William Hartman is soil conservationist and William Platt is conservation technician.

Past directors include Ernest Kupersmith, Otto Nagel, Leslie Williams, Everett Read, Carl Schnitzler, Gus Haas, Adam Hesselbacher, Carl Winter, Edward L. Klopf, Jr., Glen

Wachter and George Stienstra.

Pete E. Cooley, Julius Johnson, John Ryan, John Conroy and Clayton Bruce are past conservationists. Former work unit conservationists include Walter Brewer and Randall L. Nelson.

THE NEIGHBORHOOD BOOK CLUB

The first Book Club of Elizabeth was organized September 6, 1938 at the home of Cora Bryson. The first officers elected were Dora Mougin, president; Cora Bryson, vice president; and Marie Reynolds, secretary-treasurer.

The organization was called "The Neighborhood Book Club", as the membership was restricted to the women of the neighborhood from West Catlin Street to the old Lutheran Church.

So many of the members passed away so after twenty years the club disbanded.

JO CARROLL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

It was on March 21, 1939 that Roy Rife, president, Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau, called a meeting to see what could be done about bringing electricity to the rural areas. It was this meeting, attended by 300 farm folks, which led to the organization of Jo-Carroll Electric Cooperative Inc., on April 7, 1939. An REA financed project, offices have been located at 200 East Myrtle Street since Sept. 25, 1939.

Burl J. Reed served as coordinator. More than 700 applications for electricity were signed in Jo Daviess and Carroll counties with the first request coming from J. Wallace and Berniece Moore of Hanover. At the time of organization, of 2,093 farms in Jo Daviess county only 484 had electricity and 319 of the 1708 farms in Carroll county were so utilized. Today almost 100 per cent of the farms

in the two county area have electricity.

The first board of directors included M. S. Rogers of Milledgeville, president; Harry Stanger, Savanna, vice-president; Everett Read, Woodbine, secretary and Henry G. Dittmar, Elizabeth, treasurer with Mrs. J. Wallace (Berniece) Moore of Hanover and H. C. Hickman of Scales Mound as members

At this time it was resolved to make application to the government for a loan of \$244,000 to be used to extend electric service to those persons who requested it. A contract with A. S. Shulman Electric Company was approved Sept. 25, 1939 to build approximately 256 miles of electric distribution lines to serve 600 members.

F. I. Ruble was appointed manager Sept. 28, 1939 to succeed Mr. Reed and served in this capacity until March 1948 when he became manager of Illinois Valley Electric Cooperative at Princeton. He was succeeded by Charles Youtzy, who had joined the cooperative as a lineman in

May 1943.

The cooperative purchased its own generating units May 11, 1940 with Clyde Mizell as the first operator. Approximately 147 members received service the first week. Average consumption was 47 kwh per month per member. It now averages 800 kwh.

The generating units were operated until March 1943 when energy was purchased from Interstate Power Company. In November 1948 Dairyland Power Cooper-

ative began providing energy for Jo-Carroll.

At the present time Jo-Carroll Electric Cooperative.

Inc., has 2230 members. 762 mile of line serves these

members in the two county area.

The present board includes Harry Hall of Mt. Carroll, president; Ted Storm of Mt. Carroll, vice-president; William Janssen, Chadwick, secretary; Morris W. Birkbeck, Galena, treasurer. Gotthilf Haas, Elizabeth; Ward Dangel, Savanna; Victor Ricke, East Dubuque; Roy Virtue, Hanover and Everett R. Read of Woodbine are directors. Mr. Read has served on the board for 26 years.

BETWEEN THE BOOKENDS BOOK CLUB

Between the Bookends Book Club was organized in 1940 by a group of women seeking a greater knowledge of literature and arts. The name was suggested by Mrs. Lelan Read from the name of a syndicated column by Carl Sandburg.



First officers were Mrs. Glenn Droegmiller, president; Mrs. Harold Olson, vice-president; and Mrs. Homer Kearnaghan, secretary-treasurer.

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Present officers are Mrs. Winston Schaber, president; Mrs. Wayne Breed, vice-president and Mrs. Wm. Eustice,

secretary-treasurer.

Membership is limited to 20 women. Meetings are held the fourth Thursday of the month with the exception of December. A guest night is held in June and again in October when members of the faculty and wives of the male members are guests. There are no dues. In November each member contributes a dollar to be sent to Dixon State School for Christmas.

ELIZABETH LIONS CLUB

Elizabeth Lions Club received the charter in April 1945. Present officers include Eldon Heidenreich, president; Charles Niemeyer, first vice-president; Harold Muchow, second vice-president and William O. Eustice, secretary-treasurer.



Charter members still active in the organization include August Berlage, C. O. Daniel, Cletus Dawe, Stanley Goldthorpe and Dr. M. I. Trader.

Projects and activities of the club include sponsorship of Halloween and Christmas parties for youngsters of the community, support the Hadley School for the Blind, sponsor a delegate to Boys' State, sponsor the fair parade and athletic banquet and are responsible for the Christmas street decorations.

MUSIC BOOSTERS CLUB

Elizabeth Band Mothers' Club, as it was originally known, was organized May 25, 1953. Original officers were Mrs. Sherman (Clara) Arnold, president; Mrs. Cletus Dawe, vice-president; Mrs. Arthur Albrecht, secretary, and Mrs. John Schwirtz, treasurer.

The name was changed to Elizabeth Music Boosters Club in September 1965 with a revised set of by-laws, to encompass the entire school music department instead of

just the band.

The club has raised money through various endeavors to purchase band and majorette uniforms, instruments and insurance for the instruments, pins and trophies for the students, an American flag, choral risers, sweaters for band members, paying for bus drivers, gas and oil for travel to contests, etc., sending several students to summer music camp, paying for gifts for the variety show king and queen, etc.

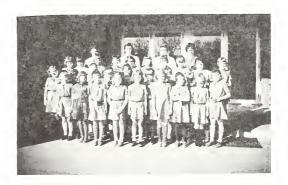
Present officers include Mrs. Wallace Arnold, president; Mrs. Harlan Howarth, vice-president; Mrs. Irwin Bishop, secretary; and Mrs. Glen Albrecht, treasurer.

ELIZABETH GIRL SCOUTS

Girl Scouting was first introduced in Elizabeth in 1954 when Mrs. Walter Greier organized two Brownie Girl Scout Troops. Troop #54 was led by Mrs. LeRoy Groezinger and Mrs. William Hubb, Jr. with 13 girls registered. Mrs. Ray Bauer and Mrs. Gordon Hatfield were leaders of Troop #114 with 11 girls registered. The following year, 1955, the first Intermediate Girl Scout Troop was organized with Mrs. Arthur Snyder and Mrs. Sherman Arnold as leaders. The following information about the organization of that troop is related by Mrs. Snyder:

In 1955 the girls that were Brownies joined the first Girl Scout Troop (Troop No. 111) of Elizabeth. They were Judith Honeyman, Toni Tucker, Bernice Lieb, Carol Greier, Sharon Snyder, Carolyn Kuhse, Rosemary Kuhse, Reva Heidenreich, Esther Heidenreich, Bonnie Wills, Mary Margaret Rife, Betty Martin and Linda Buck. We held our meetings first at the girls' parents homes. Later on Heidenreich's basement was our Scout meeting place. The girls sold Christmas and occasion cards to earn money to buy their Girl Scout uniforms. They helped to start the Girl Scout Camp at Hanover (Camp Far Horizons) by selling Girl Scout cookies. The girls took part in Memorial parades, and one year took a prize for their float in the Elizabeth parade.

In the following years many other Brownie and Intermediate Troops were organized as Elizabeth's history marched on.



In 1964 the Girl Scouts went from three levels of Girl Scouting (Brownie, Intermediate and Senior) to four levels (Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes, and Seniors) and a Junior troop and Cadette troop were organized. Elizabeth has never had a Senior Girl Scout froop.

The Girl Scout Council office is located at Freeport, Illinois. It was first called the Freeport Council, then the Jane Addams Council, and finally the present Green Hills

Council of Girl Scouts.

In checking back old records we found that 53 adults have helped with Girl Scouts in the past 14 years working as leaders, assistant leaders and troop committee members. Women who have served as leaders for more than five years include Mrs. Arthur Snyder (five years as Intermediate Girl Scout leader), Mrs. Charles Potter (six years as Brownie and Junior Girl Scout leader), and Mrs. Gerald Bausman (eight years as Brownie, Intermediate, and Cadette leader.) There have been about 125 girls who have registered as Girl Scouts at some level of Scouting in the 14 years' history

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of Girl Scouting in Elizabeth. Many of these girls remained in Scouting from the time they registered as Brownies (2nd

grade) until they reached high school.

In 1912 Mrs. Juliette Low of Savannah, Georgia, began the first Girl Scout troop in the United States. In 1962 the Elizabeth Girl Scouts helped celebrate the 50th anniversary of the organization at the annual family night dinner in March. They also entered a golden anniversary float in the annual Elizabeth Fair parade in August of 1962.

Brownie leaders at the present time are Mrs. Delos Groezinger, Mrs. Eugene Ertmer, Mrs. Glen Shaw, Jr., and Mrs. Marvin Weisert.

TERRAPIN RIDERS SADDLE CLUB

William Hutton, now of Comanche, Ia., and Marvin Koester organized the Terrapin Riders Saddle Club in 1954 with Koester as the first president; Hutton as vice-president and Barbara Weede (now Mrs. Richard Grabbe) as secretary. There were 25 members.



At the present time there are 63 paid members. The club is a member of the Mississippi Valley Riders Association and Northern Illinois-Southern Wisconsin Trail Riders Association. In 1965, the latter organization held its four day trail ride here with headquarters in West Side Park. Due to the friendliness of the people of the community the group voted to return in 1966 for the annual four day ride, again headquarters in West Side Park.

Each year the club sponsors two association-approved shows and at least one trail ride. During the past year the club sponsored a member, Joanne Fischer, in the Miss Winnebago County Stampede contest. After winning this title, Joanne participated in the Miss Rodeo America contest in Las Vegas, Nev., as Miss Rodeo Illinois.

Current officers of the club are Don Buyers, president; Mrs. Kenneth (Elmeda) Bohnsack, vice-president; Mrs. Jim (Pat) Brown, secretary; Jane Mitchell, treasurer and Sandy Handel, reporter. Directors are Johnie Reusch, Bill Rayhorn and Jack Pasco.

CUB SCOUTS

Elizabeth Cub Scout Pack 233 received its charter May 9, 1956. Cletus R. Dawe was cubmaster.

Den mothers were Mrs. Vernon Youtzy, Mrs. John Chiaverina, Mrs. Burton Read and Mrs. Ted Matthews.

The troop committee was comprised of Burton Read, chairman; Vernon Youtzy, Claude Nardin and Harry Ehrler.

First Cubs were Frank Harold, James Youtzy, George Nardin, Craig Zilly, Larry Youtzy, Stuart McCall, David Read, David and Danny Chapin, Pat Gilmore, Chris Chiaverina, Dennis Read, Terry Lee, Frank Schwirtz, Steve Klepack.

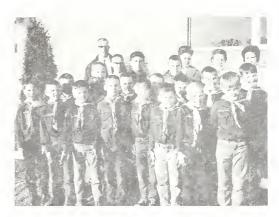
Also Joel Coleman, William Stanley, Greg Klopf, Teddy

Matthews, Roby Dawe, Tom Ertmer, Robert Schleuning, Pat and Robert Madigan, Ronald Knauer and Brad Albrecht.

Raymond Holland succeeded Dawe as cubmaster in 1961.

During the years the Cubs had a number of civic projects including placement of trash cans in the business district. Shortly before Christmas each year, they sponsor a fund raising project with the proceeds going to the Cub Scouts at Dixon State School.

Present den mothers are Mrs. Wallace Arnold, Mrs. John



Eversoll and Mrs. Robert Potter.

Present Cubs include Kevin Rury, Scott Eversoll, Kevin Holland, Albert Haring, Lew Groezinger, Duane Potter, Rusty Tippett, Steve Haun, Dickie Haas, Norman Scott Arnold, Tommy Tippett, Ben Wagner, Johnny Krohmer, Mike Tippett, Randy Ertmer, Billy Ertmer, Steve Roberts, Pat Francomb, Johnny Groezinger, Danny Pat Walker, Mark Brown, Steve Fischer, Jay Graves and Dennis Madigan.

ELIZABETH DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

It was on Nov. 11, 1958 that John Gerkman called a meeting of interested citizens to form a general not-forprofit corporation with the main purpose of erecting a modern medical center for Elizabeth. A charter was granted by the state Dec. 2, 1958.

First board of directors, elected Dec. 5, 1958, included Mr. Gerkman, president; Gotthilf Hass, treasurer; Edward Klopf, secretary; Leonhart Atz, John Krohmer and Thurman McCoy, directors.

John Alsip, manager of Jo Daviess Service Company at that time, was instrumental in having personnel of the Sears Foundation in Chicago present and assist with the organization.

The building site at 204 Vine Street was purchased Dec. 6, 1958 with construction to begin immediately.

Dr. Hans Schlecht, who came to Elizabeth in November 1958, rented the office of the late Dr. E. J. Wiley until the new building was available. He moved to the medical center July 1, 1959 and remained there until Feb. 1, 1963.

Dr. Delbert Williams Jr., and Dr. Lyle Rachuy of Stockton rented the building through May of that year after which time the building remained vacant until July 1, 1966 when it was rented to Jo Daviess Educational Center.

Thurman McCov succeeded Mr. Gerkman as president at his death in 1965.

ELIZABETH NURSING HOME

Elizabeth Lions Club, at a monthly meeting during the winter of 1965, discussed a need for a modern nursing

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A committee comprised of Stanley Goldthorpe, E. V. Lunning, Jack Schwirtz and C. R. Dawe was appointed to look into the possibilities. One year later, on April 1, 1966, a charter was issued by the Secretary of State to the Elizabeth Nursing Home Corporation and plans were made with the Department of Health at Springfield to build the home with the most efficient layout possible for the care of 49 residents.

A total of 25 local people invested their money and over 125 people responded with loans to the corporation to

finance the project.

At this time the building has been completed, staffed and operating and is a most welcome addition to this thriving community.

JO DAVIESS EDUCATIONAL CENTER

Jo Daviess Educational Center (Project for the Advancement of Creativity in Education) was established at 204 Vine Street in August 1966.



The staff includes Albert Tucker, director; Mrs. Carl Schwerdtfeger, office secretary; Hildegarde Staack, reading specialist; Dr. Dorothy Mutimer, psychologist; Michael Flick and Mrs. Darlene Ray, counselors; and Cherryll Gaffney, speech therapist.

Raymond I. Thom, superintendent of Elizabeth schools, is chairman of the committee comprised of the superintendents of the county's seven community unit schools.

Under Title III of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, the project is financed by a direct grant to provide supplementary services and personnel to aid teachers in all areas of learning with special emphasis on reading.

Major objectives are to identify and locate the student with learning difficulties and to correct these difficulties.

Guidance and counselling are being added since the program originally set up. Some of the services will be assumed by the special education classes which becomes mandatory July 1, 1969.

ELIZABETH STAMP CLUB

February 11, 1967 was the organization date of the Elizabeth Stamp Club. Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Gill are the counselors. Mr. Gill is a member of the National Federation of Stamp Clubs. Purpose of the club is the promotion of philately.



Charter members include Ann Bausman, Gary Holland, Jim Howarth, Jerry Murray, Nancy Philpot and Barney Smith. There are 16 members at present. Members must be in fifth grade or older.

The club meets the second Saturday night of each month during the school year in the homes of the members. Projects include the exchange and selling of stamps, reports on various phases of stamp collecting, viewing films concerning history of stamps, participating in games concerning stamps and guest night. Future plans include a proposed trip to a large stamp department.

Present members include Terry Arnold, Ann Bausman, David Bishop, Gary Bishop, Steve Ehrler, Jennifer Graves, Gary Holland, Jim Howarth, Lewis (Butch) Heidenreich, Jerry Kristan, Jerry Murray, Keith Morhardt, Barney Smith, Bruce Trost, Steve Trost, Barbara Wubbel and John Wubbel.

ELIZABETH COMMUNITY BOOSTERS CLUB

Elizabeth Community Boosters Club was organized March 3, 1967.

Officers chosen were Mrs. Orville W. Zilly, president; Stanley Goldthorpe, vice-president and Mrs. Wallace Arnold, secretary-treasurer.

Membership is open to anyone interested in furthering the interests of the community. Meetings are held the fourth Friday of the month in the Farm Bureau Hall.

The group sponsored a sing-along and rummage and bake sale during the year and installed red cedar flower boxes in the business district. A memorial fund for business and professional people was created. Through the business and professional committee, several sidewalk sales were successfully executed. The industrial committee conducted a survey of the area and efforts are being made to interest small industry in locating in Elizabeth.

Present officers of the organization are Harold Muchow, president; Irvin Stadel, vice-president and W. O. Eustice,

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TERRAPIN TWIRLERS

Terrapin Twirlers, Elizabeth's square dancers, began classes in October 1967.

The group held an organization meeting in December 1967 with Mr. and Mrs. Glen Shaw Jr., president; Mr. and Mrs. Don Spears, vice-president; Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Ertmer, secretary-treasurer; and Mr. and Mrs. David Holland, calling committee.

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President, John Eversoll; Vice President, Glen Shaw Jr.; Secretary, Mrs. John Eversoll; Treasurer, Mrs. Lloyd McCall.

BETSY MAIDS

The Betsy Maids, a women's singing group, was organized early in 1968 with membership open to anyone interested in singing.

Present members include Mrs. James Brown, Mrs. Gerald Ertmer, Mrs. Wm. Keyes, Mrs. Raymond Thom, accompanist; Mrs. Jack White, Mrs. John Millershone, Alma and Lucille Becker, Mrs. Glenn Gill, Mrs. Everette Lunning, Mrs. Gary Walters, Mrs. Ronald Walters, Mary Ann Willis, Mrs. Abe Gerlich, Mrs. Frank Lieb and Mrs. James Young.

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Private John Kellar entered the army in May, 1918, and was killed in November, 1918, several days after the Armistice. John was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Barthel Kellar who resided in the Bethel area for many years.





Pvt. William H. Toms—Born January 28, 1897—Enlisted in the Field Artillery, Battery B. on October 29, 1917—Died of pneumonia Jan. 4, 1918 at Fort Sill, Okla. He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William H. Toms, Sr.



Corp. Clement Raymond Steele–Born in 1896–Entered the service Oct. 5, 1917. He was killed in action Oct. 15, 1918 and was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. George E. Steele.



Private James R. Kennedy was born May 2, 1890, the son of John and Elizabeth Kennedy of Elizabeth Township. Private Kennedy enlisted on July 6, 1917, at Fort Harrison, Helena, Montana. He sailed for France in October 1917 and on July 18, 1918 he was reported missing in action. He was later reported dead, manner of death undetermined.



Pvt. Richard C. Allen — Born Sept. 4,1915 — Entered service July, 1941. He was killed in action April, 1943. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Allen.



Pvt. William D. Reusch — Born July 5, 1895 — Entered the service May 25, 1918, at Camp Gordon, Atlanta, Ga. While in France on his way to the front he contracted measles which developed into pneumonia. He died Aug. 31, 1918. He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Reusch.



Staff Sgt. Leland "Bill" Kuhn — Born Dec. 6, 1920 — Entered service Nov. 3, 1942 at Camp Grant. He was killed in action in England Dec. 19, 1943. Mr. and Mrs. George Kuhn of Elizabeth are his parents. COMPLIMENTS OF

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ARM 2 c Coleman F. Baumgartner — Born Feb. 25, 1923 — Entered the Navy Aug. 11, 1941. He was reported missing on a routine flight over Atlantic Aug. 7, 1945. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Baumgartner of Elizabeth.



Private First Class Robert Franklin Holcombe Jr. was born April 30, 1922, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Holcombe Sr. He enlisted June 22, 1942 at Leavenworth, Kansas. He served as a paratrooper with the 509 Battallion. He died while in the European Area on January 27, 1945.



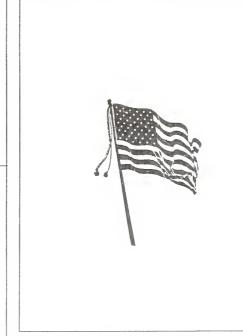
S-Sgt. Harvey L. Hoppe — Born on March 30, 1915. He enlisted at Ft. Des Moines, la. on Nov. 27, 1937. He went down in a B-29 bomber "Down Wind" off the shore of Aden, Arabia. Harvey was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hoppe, was married to Marvalyn Soles and had 2 sons, Jimmie and Kenneth



Cpl. Kenneth Charles Ehrler — Born March 4, 1917 — Entered the service in April, 1941 and was killed in action March 8, 1945. He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Arch Ehrler.



Pvt. Harold E. Young — Born April 2, 1924 — Entered the service March 6, 1943 at Camp Roberts, California and was killed in action on the Island of Luzon on April 16, 1945. He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Emil C. Young.



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On June 1, 1853, Bishop Vandevelde acquired in and near Elizabeth a tract of 640 acres of land from Abram Reynolds and his wife. Apparently, as early as 1862 the pastor at New Dublin came to offer Mass on a weekday in private homes in and around Georgetown. Sometime around 1864 a log church was built on the south side of the town of Elizabeth on what is now Mrs. Edmund J. Coveny property at 209 S. Madison Street.



It was Bishop Duggan, who on January 7, 1860 acquired the present land, on which is situated St. Mary's Church and rectory, from John and Elizabeth Maguire. There must have been some thought to building on this site at that time; however, in 1866, since the log church had proved too small for the congregation a larger building, a brick one, was purchased from a Doctor Babbitt. This building was remodeled and called St. Mary's Church; the earlier church was called the church of Our Lady of Sorrows, which title appears in some of the Church records even until 1914. The land acquired from Abram Reynolds was sold August 22, 1868.

When Rev. Father George Ratz became pastor of St. John the Baptist Church, Savanna, in 1880, the care of the Elizabeth parish fell to him and his successors. On December 19, 1880, the land for the Cemetery was acquired from Martin Wishon and his wife, Catherine. At this time Elizabeth was attended from Savanna every fourth Sunday.

The following appears in an old record book:

"Pursuant to call the members of St. Mary's Church met at their Church in Elizabeth, May 29, 1881 the following proceedings were taken: of which J. J. Coleman was in the Chair and J. J. Artman was secretary: On motion that we build a new church on or near the place of the old building. Carried. On motion Messrs. Andrew Wand, Francis Baumgartner and J. J. Artman were elected to serve as building Committee." Later Francis McAneny and James Levens were added to the Committee. Subscriptions for the purpose of building a new church were then obtained.

So in 1882 the frame church was completed on the property purchased in 1860 by Bishop Duggan on the northwest corner of the intersection of Catlin and Washington Streets.

Apparently collecting funds to build the school and convent started late in 1884. Work proceeded on it throughout 1885. It was built just to the north of the church on

Catlin Street. It was run by the Sisters of St. Francis of Milwaukee.

In August 1887, Rev. Joseph Ruetershoff became the first resident pastor of St. Mary's, Elizabeth and with his arrival begins the history of St. Mary's as a parish in the full sense. Quickly enough Fr. Ruetershoff set about building the rectory, which is in use to this day. On July 8, 1889 Father Ruetershoff acquired three more lots from John and Elizabeth Maguire immediately to the north of Church property, between it and the cemetery. The parish school was closed at the end of the 1910-11 school year.

Father John K. Nilles, who had been an assistant at St. Joseph's, Freeport for eight years, then came to Elizabeth on September 12, 1912. The parish meeting at which the decision to build a new church was held Sunday, February 16, 1913. Subscriptions to the amount of \$21,500.00 were quickly received. The cornerstone for the new and present church on the very site of the old frame one, was laid by Rt. Rev. Bishop Peter J. Muldoon on October 15, 1913 and on Thursday, May 14, 1914, Bishop Muldoon dedicated it. On that same day Bishop Muldoon confirmed a class of forty-eight persons, twenty-seven from Elizabeth and twenty-one from Hanover. The final cost of construction of the church came to \$25,000.00.

It was during The Rev. John L. Daleiden's stay in Elizabeth that what was St. Mary's School was torn down. Approximately 1930.

The Rev. Robert Jackson, the present pastor, became pastor of St. Mary's, Elizabeth and St. John's, Hanover on the 4th of January, 1967. St. Mary's presently has about 100 families, with around 400 total population.

THE HISTORY OF FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

In the fall of 1834 a circuit was organized, called the Buffalo Grove Circuit, with Elizabeth, an appointment. This circuit extended from Galena eastward to the Rock River, and southward to Rock Island.

In the fall of the same year, Rev. L. A. Sugg, a young man of twenty-four years of age, was the preacher in charge. The first church building was a double log house with a ground floor, and was used for dwelling house, meeting house and school house. The benches were slabs turned flat side up with pins driven in them for leas. The desks were of slabs also, and were driven into the logs.

On Sunday, October 5, 1834, a Sunday School was organized and the next day, Monday, a day school was begun with Mr. Shunk as the teacher. This old log building was on the hill.



Rev. Sugg died the next spring and was the second person buried in the Elizabeth cemetery. After his death, Mr. Shunk, the school teacher conducted services, reading John Wesley's sermons, followed by prayer and testimony meetings.

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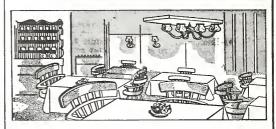
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The second church was built in 1845, just back of the present church building. It was 26' x 40' in size. This

building was later moved away.

The land on which the present church now stands was purchased on May 25, 1871 for \$200. This church was 40' x 60' in size. The basement part was finished the same year and was used during the winter. The upper part was completed the following year, and was dedicated in September, 1872. This is the part of the building which now houses the sanctuary.

The Sunday School annex was built in 1922 and 1923. Later one of these rooms was made into a chapel, then

changed to the pastor's study and office.

A Hammond electric organ and chimes were installed

and dedicated on July 27, 1947.

The 120th anniversary of the church was celebrated in 1954 with a banquet and program held in the church dining hall. An historical pageant was presented at the High School gymnasium. The celebration day service was held on Sunday, October 10, with the District Superintendent, Dr. Hughes B. Morris as speaker.

In 1939 the three Methodist groups - The Methodist Episcopal Church, The Methodist Church South, and the Methodist Protestant Church united to form The Methodist Church. On April 28, 1968, the Evangelical United Brethren and the Methodist Church united to form the United Methodist Church.

In 1964 the resident minister, Rev. Lyle Anderson and his wife, Mary, were commissioned as missionaries in a service at Embury Methodist Church in Freeport. After a year of study and training, the Andersons with their four children sailed to the Philippines where they are still located.

The present minister, Rev. Raymond Rhoads, with his wife, Margret and son Alexander, has served the church the past four years. Church membership is 250.

Ten teachers serve the Sunday School with classes from nursery school and kindergarten to the adult classes.

Mrs. Orville Streicher is president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, the organization formerly known as the Ladies Aid Society. Both the church and W.S.C.S. are active in missionary projects.

ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

The exact date of the beginning of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church of Elizabeth is not in the church record. The congregation had its beginning during the summer of 1894 when the Reverend L. Dorn, pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Rockford, began to hold services in Elizabeth. Ten months later under the direction of the Reverend Henry Dannenfeldt the congregation was organized. On August 4, 1895, the Reverend F. A. Scharfenberg was installed as as the first pastor of the young congregation.

At first the congregation did not have a church home of its own. Services were held in the Sunday school room of the local Methodist church. From there the members moved into a vacant building adjoining the Westphal store. Then a decision was made to build a church. On January 12, 1896, the congregation moved into its own church. The white frame building on the corner of Ash and Catlin streets served as the congregation's home for 55 years. In 1936 the congregation remodeled the interior of that building. The congregation built its first parsonage in 1919 at a cost of \$4000.00. This home is now the home of the Thurman McCoys.

The congregation is now located on the western edge of the village in the beautiful brick church and parsonage which they built and dedicated in 1951.

The earliest records of the congregation are entered into the record book in German. These records date back to 1895. Irma Augusta Studier was the first member baptized. The date of her baptism was August 11, 1895. The first



wedding recorded is that of Carolina Schmith and Richard Backenkeller, dated November 14, 1895. The young congregation laid its first member to rest on December 29, 1895, when they buried Johannes Rottmann. Four people were in the first confirmation class. Heinrich and Hedwig Sind, Ida Kuhse, and Johann Wiehler were confirmed on April 5, 1896. Of these four only Heinrich Sind was born in this country.



The congregation has been served by ten pastors. Students and vacancy pastors served the congregation during those times when it was without a resident pastor. The present pastor, the Reverend Gilbert H. Pingel, was installed in December of 1965.

In this centennial year the following members are serving on the Church Council: John Haas, Marvin Weisert, Theodore Krohmer, Rodger Selleck, Edward Klopf, Sr., Walter Ege, Wayne Schumacher, August Beyer, Richard Carroll, Lester Meyerhofer, Arnold Stuckwisch, Morris Krug, Edward Klopf, Jr., and Harold Muchow.

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William Perry, mail carrier, giving the mail to Rosie Haring



McKillips' Ice Cutting Machine - 1912



DITTMAR'S DRUG STORE

The first pharmacy in Elizabeth was started by Dr. Hutton. Mr. Bernhard Dittmar worked in the drug store and later purchased it. He operated this store, where the Elizabeth Cleaner's is now situated, for 45 years until his death in 1935. It was purchased about 1937 by John Chiaverina who had been employed by Mrs. Helen Cording, who took over the store following her father's death. At this time its name was changed to Elizabeth Pharmacy.



The Bakery - 1909



The Buggy Shop, located where the funeral home now is



Elizabeth School 1904





The burned out top of the Elizabeth School -1913

THE ELIZABETH FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Elizabeth Fire Department was started by Harry McKillips during his term as village president in 1925 or 1926.

Eight firemen comprised the department. They were Ray Posey, chief; Omer Beck, Miles Kahl, J. C. Lee, Ray Hutchison, Frank Wand, Ralph Wand and Ansel Breed.

The first equipment was a two-wheeled hose cart which was stored in the old pump house along the tracks by Stan's Food Store.

A few years later they purchased an old truck and made a box on it to haul the hose. This was used until the 1937 Chevrolet pumper was purchased.

The department now has 35 members and nine pieces of equipment, plus an ambulance.

During the past year local firemen answered 27 fire calls and 23 emergency calls.

ELIZABETH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

A fire at the present Wayne Krohmer farm with no fire fighting equipment available to fight a rural blaze, prompted investigation of the possibility of fire protection for the rural area.

The matter was brought to the people of the area in 1946 with polling places in Elizabeth, Weston and Woodbine. The first board consisted of Edward Klopf Sr., president; John Krohmer, vice-president; and Howard Breed, secretary; Donald Eaton of Stockton was the attorney.

The district purchased the fire-fighting equipment from the village for \$2,000. This included a 1937 Chevrolet pumper, ladders, hose, etc.

The district included all of Elizabeth and Woodbine townships and the northern two-thirds of Derinda township. Today the district is almost half again as big due to annexations. It is approximately 26 miles across from north to south. The assessed valuation, which was \$8,500,000 at the time of formation has been as high as \$14,000,000.

At the time the district was formed the fire truck was housed next to the barn on Myrtle Street owned by Stanley Goldthorpe. It was later moved to what is now the village hall on Main Street until 1957 on completion of the new fire station on Madison Street.

Trustees are appointed by the circuit judge for terms of three years each. Present board members are John Krohmer, president; Marlo Specht, vice-president and Don Brudi, secretary.

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End of Spanish-American War. Stand erected on ground formerly occupied by Elizabeth Hotel which was destroyed by fire in 1887. (Stan's Supermarket is located there now.)



Threshing



Building the railroad in 1887. Also showing the school house, which is now the Edmund Fischer residence.



"The Baseball Team"

Back row: Frank Wilcox, James Shannon, Lloyd Engle, School Supt.; Sammy Raulins, Umpire; Ralph Wilcox 2nd row: Elmer Westphal, Lee Axtell, Ray Logan, Louis Westphal, Raymond Fablinger Front: Charles Nash, Harlow Virtue and Frank Hagie



Waiting for the governor to come to Elizabeth



Elizabeth street scene

FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Faith Ev. Lutheran Church was organized Oct. 3, 1965. The first board had Frank Lieb as chairman; Lawrence Mitchell, vice-chairman; Ralph Knauer, secretary; Arthur Schulz, treasurer; Arthur Albrecht, Henry Albrecht and John Krohmer, elders; Gordon Hatfield, Wayne Trost and LaVerle Streicher financial secretaries. Sunday school superintendent is Glen Albrecht and Mrs. Wayne Trost is secretary. The Rev. F. E. Bartling is pastor.

Mrs. Frank Lieb was first president of the Dorcas Circle with Mrs. George Morhardt, vice-president; Mrs. Arthur Schulz, secretary; and Mrs. Lawrence Mitchell, treasurer.

Mark Albrecht was first president of Faith Lutheran League with Kenneth Morhardt, vice-president; Jayne Krohmer, secretary; Dennis Albrecht, treasurer; and Rose Albrecht, recreation chairman.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"Lord, I will take possession of this country in Thy Name and will try to win it for Thee." This was the voice of a Missionary in the wilderness, and as far as we can learn the Rev. Aratus Kent, was the first messenger of God, sent to this vicinity by the Presbyterian church. In 1830 the American Home and Missionary Society had sent the Rev. Mr. Kent as its General Agent for the Northwest and it was he who conducted the first Presbyterian service in the vicinity of Elizabeth. This service was held in the home of a man named Ames at Rocky Point. This house stood about one hundred yards northeast of the present Georgetown bridge. After this first visit Presbyterian services were held at intervals in private homes by this man and by the Rev. Ozias Littlefield.



The settlers to whom the Reverends Kent and Littlefield came were miners, many of whom were wild and rough fellows yet like humanity the world over, they were men with hearts that could be touched with kindness and they were not unfriendly to religion.

By 1839 the village of Elizabeth was in existence, so shortly thereafter the few Presbyterian people who lived here felt the time had come to organize themselves into a church. The Rev. Mr. Littlefield called a meeting and examined the credentials of four persons who presented letters of church membership, a fifth was accepted on profession of faith. Articles of faith and a covenant were drawn up and adopted. Francis Grahm was elected a ruling elder. It was christened "The First Presbyterian Church of Elizabeth", and on February 10, 1844 it began its existence.

The first five members were: William P. Warwick, Francis Grahm, Mrs. Harriet McDonald, Mrs. Elizabeth Lewis, and Alexander Mollison. The first person to be received into membership after its organization was John Rees, father of Sarah Rees, and Sarah Rees was the first child to

be baptized.

The first church services were held in a small wooden school house, which was situated not far from the present site. But a stone structure, standing in nearly the same place as the present church, was purchased and "fitted up" with doors and windows. On Christmas Day 1847 the last of the seats were put in so that services could be held. This served not only as a place of worship but, here too, the village school teacher taught the children their reading, writing and arithmetic.

This stone church had a square tower but no steeple and no bell, however, Elizabeth also had a store and lime kiln, both operated by a Mr. Richard Brown who was interested in the Presbyterian meetings. Mrs. Brown, however, disliked the hardships of pioneer living and so they sold their store and returned to New Jersey. Later Mr. Brown returned for a visit and learned that the church still had no bell and after he returned home he had a bell cast and sent it here as a gift to the church. When the bell arrived the clapper was missing, having become lost enroute. After some delay a local blacksmith agreed to make a clapper and the bell was hung in the tower.

In 1875 the old stone building was torn down and the present building erected at a cost of \$2549.45. The church was dedicated in July or August and later in the year an organ was purchased. The bell and clapper were transferred from the stone church to the steeple in the new church and have been calling people to worship ever since.

At times the church was closed but the spirit of the First Presbyterian Church never died and it would revive and go on again. During its existence it has been served intermittently by students and ordained ministers. The present pastor is the Rev. Roane L. Deckert.

In February 1944 the church looked back over a century of service to this community in its three day centennial observance.

The early history of the church was written by the Rev. S. R. Meyer, and has been preserved and contains many interesting stories concerning the hardships, sacrifices and achievements of the church during its years of Christian service to the community.



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ELIZABETH CEMETERY

Death of John Grey (also spelled Gray in subsequent reports) in August 1832 resulted in the need for a cemetery. Mr. Grey, who was in one of the block houses connected with a log fort erected by the early settlers for protection against the Indians was stricken with paralysis and died.

Two pioneer citizens, Thaddeus N. Hitt and Samuel Hughlet, selected a suitable spot for his burial about a third of a mile northeast of Elizabeth on the river road. Whether these men intended this site to be the future burial ground for people of the neighborhood is not known.

On June 28, 1835, the Rev. L. A. Sugg, 25, died and was buried near Mr. Grey. From then on burials became more

frequent.

While John Grav was the first to be buried in the cemetery in 1832, gravestones might indicate otherwise, showing that Amanda Winters, daughter of H. D. and Elizabeth Winters died Aug. 25, 1829. However, she was first buried in Georgetown and was moved to Elizabeth in

1860.





Anna Marie Banwarth, born May 12, 1772 and died March 25, 1875 at the age of 102 years, 10 months and 18 days is the oldest person buried in the cemetery. John McCoy Sr.'s birth extends farthest back in time. He was born Nov. 1, 1754 and died June 25, 1850 at the age of 96 years, five months and 25 days.

After some years the land in the vicinity of the cemetery, including the burial ground, came into the possession of Henry Green (prior to this it was government land.) However, he placed no restrictions on the land for burial purposes, except probably fixing its boundary lines, and it continued to be a free public burial ground up to the time of his death. He willed the land to the village for a public cemetery to be under the control of the corporation authorities

Prior to 1905 the cemetery had never been under control of any duly authorized management. This, coupled with the fact that the cemetery was nearly all occupied, necessitated some organizational body to take the situation in hand.

A number of citizens with the purpose of better caring and enlarging the cemetery, filed a petition with the state for a charter. This was granted June 16, 1905 with the Elizabeth Cemetery Association given full power to act and do business under state laws as provided for cemetery associations.

Charter members were J. C. McKenzie, Joseph Armitage, P. J. Mathiesen, J. H. Bateman, Thomas B. Bray, John

Hagie, N. A. Gault, Frank Fraser, A. L. Cox, J. R. Logan, Fred Hagie, Bernard Dittmar, A. H. Weir, D. G. Smith, Fred Fraser, C. A. Walters, E. A. Laign, J. E. Clark, David Haig, W. L. McKenzie, W. J. Danial, S. H. Lane, J. P. Fraser, Charles Allen and E. W. Monnier.

The village fathers realized the cemetery's interests could better be handled by the Elizabeth Cemetery Association than the village and at the meeting July 5, 1905, passed a resolution turning over control and management to the association.

A combination board and wire fence was placed around the 1.74 acres at this time.

The first addition was purchased from Charles Wilcox in 1916 and the second addition was bought from him in 1939. The tool house was built in 1949.

Nelson Hitt, who lived adjoining the cemetery, was the first caretaker beginning in 1905. Prior to that time everyone cared for their own plot. Mr. Hitt was the father of Riley Hitt and served until 1910. Riley Hitt succeeded his father until 1945 when he resigned. Asa Wilcox served in this capacity from 1945-1947 after which Rayman Stauss was caretaker until his death in 1966. Melvin Meyer is now employed in this capacity.

Present officers of the association include Clarence Eastman, president; Harry Dawe, vice-president; Mrs. Albert McKillips, secretary-treasurer; William Fahrion, treasurer; and Maurice Read, Lester Meyerhofer, Mrs. L. O. Graves,

Thurman McCoy and Burl Reed.

Bernard Dittmar was secretary from 1905 until his death in 1933. Delia Laign then served until her death in 1938. Mrs. McKillips has been secretary since that time.

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As a case in point consider: Many of the pictures you are enjoying in this book are here only because Maude generously made them available from her private collection. This is nothing new for Maude Hagie. For many years, students have almost automatically gone to her for help with history assignments. Maude always gave.

We salute you, Maude Hagie!!! With gratitude and

with affection.

Share with us now just a few posies from Maude's bouquet of memories. She remembers: Walking with her mother to visit her grandparents, the James Batemans. living in what is now the George Hoppe residence, and her mother often expressing regret that so little remained of Apple River Fort.

Her father recalling the Shaw Hotel fire (in 1887), and how he and his brother worked frantically with soaking mops damping down the walls of the frame building in which they had their store, so that they would not be

ignited by sparks from the fire.

Mr. Abe Cox, operator of an ice cream parlor next door (now Marie's Beauty Parlor), who made all of his own ice

cream - by hand - in the basement.

The bakery located at the present site of the Elizabeth Garage, where Elizabethans of the day would buy a single doughnut or cookie, eating it in a back room provided for the purpose.

The lamplighter. This estimable gentleman was employed by the town. He made his daily rounds with a small ladder and a can of oil, pouring just enough oil in each lamp to give light for a certain length of time. After

that? The streets were dark, of course.

Dr. Philip Arnold, living in what is now the Howard Breed home. Surely, the doctor was a practical man, and a communications pioneer to boot. He kept a flock of homing pigeons in a loft at the rear. On farout country house calls, he would take a homing pigeon along. After ministering to the patient, and prior to his departure without the pigeon he would instruct that it be released after a certain interval, carrying a message advising as to progress of the illness, and whether another call seemed to be indicated. Saved a lot of miles that way!

China Painting lessons from Cora Wishon Bodell, daughter of Martin Wishon, at that time the richest man in

Elizabeth.

For fifteen years, her father had a barbershop in the section of the store that is now operated by Maude and got 15 cents for a haircut and 10 cents for a shave.



"DOC"

Elsewhere in these pages well-deserved we pay a tribute to Elizabeth's oldest active business woman . . . Maude Hagie.

We give you now her male counterpart - the irrepressible little man with the big cigar and big smile - 89 year young

"Doc" Oberheim.

Officially, and perhaps properly, this should be stated as Dr. Lewis T. Oberheim, but somehow stuffy dignity seems out of place when applied to

this effervescent, talkative little man . . . 5'5" — 120 pounds (when soaking wet.)

Practically a neighborhood boy, "Doc" was born on a farm between Savanna and Mount Carroll. As a child, he decided - precocious philosopher! - that life could be a bed of roses or a bed of thorns - whatever one made it. "Doc" opted for roses. He didn't start smoking (cornsilk) until the ripe old age of seven, and didn't progress to cigars until he was a tottering fifteen.

"I was always a little fellow", he says, "just about jockey size, and I always loved horses so I naturally turned

to jockeying."

For fifteen years he traveled around country race tracks in Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, and Minnesota, constantly increasing his knowledge of the care and training of animals. "Learning by doing." Friends — which "Doc" attracted as a magnet attracts metal filings—were impressed by the lad's growing skill. They urged him to study to be a veterinarian.

So "Doc" hied himself off to Chicago to study. In 1913 he officially became Doctor Lewis T. Oberheim. In the same year he started to practice in Elizabeth . . . a location of which his male parent took a very dim view indeed.

"I'll give you three weeks up there," his father said. This was assuredly a miscalculation on the part of Oberheim

pere. But only by slightly over a half century.

"Doc" has been here ever since that day in 1913, thirty of those years in the same location. Until very recently he still covered a lot of ground, personally handling the duties that are apt to take a veterinarian out at any hour in any kind of weather.

Now he confines his work to vaccination of pigs. Since his second wife died in 1954 he has lived alone in an apartment above his office. He eats his meals out. "I'm a lousy cook", he explains with that big, big smile.

His spirit and energy remain almost unbelievable to be housed in such a small frame. He still bubbles over with good cheer. His hobby - believe it or not !! - is dancing. Not too long ago, "Doc" was to be awarded a 50-year Certificate as an Illinois veterinarian. But he politely declined the invitation to attend. It was in Chicago on a Tuesday night . . . and that was the night for "Doc" to iron out a few kinks in his performance of the frug.

He is proud of the fact that he didn't suffer a single injury during his riding career. He ascribes his long happy life in large part to his agility on horses, and also on the dance floor.

Say what you will, "Doc" has lived to enjoy life. And he shows it.





HONORABLE J. C. McKENZIE John Charles McKenzie was born in Woodbine township on February 18, 1860,

son of Donald and Sarah McKenzie.

His father was a pioneer settler of this county, coming here in the early forties. Except for a brief time in California, during the gold rush fever, he had always resided in Elizabeth and Woodbine

John was reared on his father's farm and educated in local schools. He was a student at the Normal School of Valpariso, Indiana, and was so scholastically inclined that he became a teacher, teaching in

this county for six years.









In 1887 he began the study of law and was also a senior member of the firm of Atchison and McKenzie, grain merchants and proprietors of a general flour and feed store in Elizabeth.

He served as representative in Congress from the 13th district from 1911 to 1925 or a period of seven terms. On March 4, 1925, he was appointed by the President as chairman of a commission to study the Muscle Shoals project.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge of Elizabeth, and of the Consistory in Freeport. He was a member of the Methodist Church and trustee of the Cemetery Association. He carried on his duties as an Elizabeth lawyer actively until shortly before his death and was a member of the Illinois Bar Association.

He suffered a heart attack on Sept. 1, 1941 and passed away sixteen days later at the age of 81 years. Burial was in Elizabeth cemetery.



On the following pages you will find a short history of a few of the doctors and other persons of interest who played an important role in the past of Elizabeth. We realize that there were many more people through the years that should be placed on these pages, but information about them is in most cases unavailable. Some of the doctors' names that we have happened upon during our research, but with very little information concerning them, although they served the Elizabeth area, are, doctors Beebe, Howarth, Little, Kittoe, Crummer, Caldwell, Lewis, Shank, Smith and Hagie.



DR. PHILLIP ARNOLD

Dr. Phillip Arnold was born May 22, 1865, in Guilford Township, on the family farm. (Now the Meldon Grube farm.) Because of a childhood accident, one of his legs was amputated and it was after that, he decided to go to medical school.

He entered Tulane Medical School in New Orleans, Louisiana, and in 1890, several years after he had started his practice, he went to Heidelberg, Germany for one year to do post graduate work.

He married Kate Eadie of Hanover and they built the brick house that is now the Howard Breed residence. This served as his office and home during the years that he practiced in Elizabeth. For a time he also served as County Coroner and was a member of the Knights of Pythias Lodge.

Dr. Arnold received much notariety because of his use of homing pigeons to carry messages from his patients.

Both Dr. Arnold, and his wife were in very poor health and around 1906 he discontinued his practice, and moved to Hanover. Dr. Arnold died in 1909 in Hanover.



DR. ANTON NADIG

Dr. Anton Nadig was born December 22, 1869 in Rush Township, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Nadig. He finished his grade school work in Elizabeth, attended high school in Dixon, Illinois; then went to Chicago and enrolled in a physician's and surgeon's college. He was graduated from here in 1902 having completely worked his way through medical school. He began his first practice in Nora, Illinois.

Dr. Nadig's uncle, Dr. William Hutton, practicing in Elizabeth at the time, invited him to be associated with him, and he began practicing

here in 1903. Dr. Hutton died in less than a year's time, leaving the practice to Dr. Nadig. The rest of his life was devoted to the health and welfare of Elizabeth people and those in the rural area.

He married Sarah Bartch of Stockton. They had one

son, Clyde, now living in Des Moines, Iowa.

Dr. Nadig and his nurse and housekeeper, Miss Laura Price, both lost their lives in a gas explosion and fire at the Nadig home about 10 o'clock the night of May 23, 1927. They were rushed to Freeport Methodist Hospital but both died early the next morning.

Dr. Nadig, only 57 at the time of his death, had spent most of his life caring for Elizabeth people and was loved by everyone.



DR. ELVIN J. WILEY

Dr. Elvin J. Wiley was born in 1900, the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Wiley of Hanover, and attended the Hanover schools. He later entered the school of medicine at Loyola University in Chicago.

In 1923 he married Helen Peters of Hanover and they through the years became the parents of three children.

Dr. Wiley interned at St. Bernard Hospital in Chicago

and came to Elizabeth to start his practice on July 5, 1927. His first office was in his home, which was the Hutton Apartment over Mr. Dittmar's Drug Store.

On September 5, 1928, he bought out Dr. Denny and took up his practice at the residence where his widow still resides

On November 9, 1936, Miss Mary Artman, who had graduated from St. Francis School of Nursing in Freeport, came to work for Dr. Wiley and remained as his office nurse until his death on November 20, 1957.

Dr. Wiley was a member of the Presbyterian Church and of the Masonic Lodge, and served the community well

for a period of over 30 years.

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DR. COLEMAN BUFORD

Dr. Coleman Buford was born in Lexington, Missouri in 1872. He was married to Ada Abildgaard. They were the parents of eight children.

Dr. Buford came to Elizabeth during World War I. He acted as a consultant to Dr. Nadig and also performed minor surgery.

In 1921 he built the home now owned by Mel Schulz. The family lived here in Eliza-

beth during the summer months, living in Chicago the rest of the year. They lived here permanently from 1933 until the doctor's retirement in 1953, when he moved to Florida. Dr. Buford practiced until he was past eighty years of age.

Dr. Buford was one of the founders of the College of Surgeons. He was also instrumental in getting the County Health Department started in Jo Daviess County.



DR. WILLIAM HUTTON, JR.

Dr. William Hutton, Jr. was born in France on May 27, 1848, of Scottish parents. He graduated from the school of medicine in Ann Arbor, Michigan in 1874 and went directly to Highland, Wisconsin to start his practice. In 1876 he married Christin Monnier, who died shortly after.

In 1877 Dr. Hutton came to Elizabeth to start his practice and in 1880 he bought the building and practice of a Dr. Caldwell. The building at that

time being a frame structure, (where Elizabeth Cleaners is now located,) served as his first home and office. In the front of the building he put in a Drug Store, and hired Bernhard Dittmar to operate it for him, thus Bernhard learned the pharmacy trade.

In 1882 he married Catherine Bauer and to them were born seven children. One son preceded him in death. In 1884 he bought the old school house, (now the Edmund Fischer residence) and converted it into a suitable dwelling for his family.

In 1886 he went to Rush Medical in Chicago to do post graduate work and in 1892 he went to Vienna for six months for more post graduate work. While in Vienna a Dr. Shank took over his practice.

Early in 1903, Dr. Hutton invited his nephew, Dr. Anton Nadig to come to Elizabeth to practice with him, which he did. By this time Dr. Hutton had bought a house and moved his family from the old school house to the house now occupied by the Frank Leib family. During his years in Elizabeth, Dr. Hutton was responsible for the building of three of the brick structures on Main Street which are occupied by various stores today.

He was very interested in land and cattle, so he bought a farm, (now occupied by the James Brown family.) On November 22, 1903, having just purchased two carloads of cattle, he decided to walk to the farm with his brother, Neal, to look them over. The cattle were on the other side of the river, so since the river was frozen over, they walked

across, and consequently they both broke through the ice. Dr. Hutton's brother had on woolen gloves and was able to cling to the ice and rescue himself. The Doctor's body was recovered two hours later by a group of men from from from the contract of the

So, after being in Elizabeth less than a year, Dr. Nadig was left to take over his uncle's entire practice.



MRS. MABEL HOOD

Mrs. Lyle E. (Mabel) Hood retired in 1948 after 37 years of teaching, 30 years of which were in the Elizabeth School System. At her death, April 11, 1966, her family and friends established a memorial fund to be used in the development of the Elizabeth grade school library. Over 27 volumes have been received by the school from this memorial fund.

Mrs. Hood taught in Eliza-

beth from 1911 to 1914, In 1915-16 and again in 1921. In 1919 she married Lyle E. Hood and they were the parents of a twin son and daughter, Robert of Byron, and Dorothy of Freeport.

In 1923 Mrs. Hood again returned to teaching in Elizabeth, first on a part time basis and then full time. Mrs. Hood usually taught the upper grades and was principal of the grade school for several years. She was a stern but devoted and fair instructor, she enjoyed nature study and often went on hikes with her students.

After leaving the local school system in 1948 she was a housemother at Illinois College, Jacksonville, for two years. After retiring from there in 1952 she lived with her daughter in Freeport.

WOODBINE

Formerly known as Jewell's Prairie, named after one of its first settlers, was located approximately one-quarter mile south of the present location.

In 1835, a school-house was built and used for both school and church for a number of years.

A blacksmith shop and store were established in 1867 and a postoffice called "Woodbine."

The first church was Methodist, built in 1868. Also a German Methodist Church, erected in 1871. These are

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now gone. In 1914 a Grace Evangelical Church was erected and still stands. It merged with the United Brethren Church and was known as Grace Evangelical United Brethren. Its doors were closed June 30, 1967.

Several of the buildings on Jewell's Prairie were moved to the present Woodbine site when the railroad went thru around 1887. Some of which are still standing, including the first grocery store, which stands next to the former grocery store and Post-Office building owned by L. W. Ryder.

Several businesses were in Woodbine thru the years, and of those, two filling stations and garage are all that is left. The grain elevator, that was built approximately 75 years ago, now owned by Leon Arnold, burned to the ground March 13, 1968. Several small buildings were saved.

The Creamery built around 1894 was closed in 1961, as well as the Woodbine School.

The name "Woodbine" came from the excessive growth of the Woodbine vine, or bittersweet that grew over the site.

RODDEN

In the summer of 1886 the Chicago Great Western Railway was being built through the northwestern corner of Illinois. A huge hill was a problem and they had to tunnel through which took considerable time with hand labor.

A telegraph station was built at each end of the tunnel for communicating with the workers. After the rails were laid, clay and mud would slide down on the tracks and hinder the cars from going through.

After the railroad was completed a station and depot were built on land owned by John Rodden. Mr. Rodden gave this parcel of land to the railroad company. Stockyards were built there, as well as a large frame granary which held surplus grain for shipping.

One of the railroad officials from St. Paul named the station "Rodden" after Mr. Rodden since he had donated the land for these buildings. Mr. Rodden thought it a great advantage to have this station located here.

A store and post office were built, also a blacksmith shop and creamery. Later when automobiles came the farmers took their cream to Elizabeth.

Rock quarries were started and rock was shipped out

by the carload. Cattle, hogs, and cord wood were shipped regularly.

Now all that is left is the post office and store building and a few dwellings.

WESTON

In 1842 and 43 the lead mines west of Elizabeth gained considerable notoriety and a large number of miners came there. Much mineral was found, and in the early "forties" Weston was a thriving mining town of between one and two thousand population.

Cabins were built in rapid succession and in 1844 Green, Goldthorpe and Co. started a store and post office. In 1847 the village of Weston was laid out and platted. There were many pool halls and gambling shops and about 14 saloons. There was a "Headquarters Tavern" which stood on the rocky bluff on the hill known now as Kaul's Hill. A basement pit still remains as proof of where it stood.

The first smelting furnace was started in 1843 by Green, Tart, Hughlett and Estey. The molds were constructed in a V shape and filled with lead. When the lead came out of the furnace it was a V shaped block weighing approximately 100 pounds.

Later Mr. Henry Green had a smelting furnace between Elizabeth and Weston, and he owned most of the surrounding land. He lived on his farm near Elizabeth and was a United States Senator. He is buried in the Weston cemetery.

There was no resident minister but a Methodist minister came to the church there. At one time the church was where the cemetery is now, but later another church was erected beside the rock school which was always known as Weston school. This school burned but was replaced, and is now the residence of the James Kristin family.

A Mr. A. B. Lewis started a school in the church building, and it continued there until the school house was

built in 1862.

The pockets of the earth were soon exhausted and the miners moved on to "greener fields." When news of the California gold rush came to Weston everyone packed up and left. The store was closed and by 1859 the post office was discontinued. Today all that is left is the school and a few farm houses.

MASSBACH

Massbach formerly was called Myers when John Schubert came there from Massbach, Germany. In 1892 Mr. Schubert petitioned Congress to establish a post office and it was granted. However, upon verification it was found there was already a Myers, Illinois so he again petitioned to change the name to Massbach. The name means "Mass", a number of people living together in one place; and "Bach" means brook.

Mr. Schubert built the first house and operated the general store, blacksmith shop, and post office. Mail was brought in from Hanover by horseback (sort of pony express.) It is told one carrier hauled a five gallon jug of whiskey for a farmer. In 1896 Mr. Schubert sold his business to Rudolph Dittmar, and he became Postmaster. Dittmar went into the machinery business and Kasper Heid became his partner. Fred Teichler became the village smithy having worked as apprentice for Schubert.

In 1900 Heid & Dittmar built a new store, and John Dittmar plied his trade as wagon maker and wood worker in a building north of the old store. Later this building

became a feed mill.

The Massbach Telephone Co. was organized in 1901, and 1903 a cheese factory was built. Later Mr. Dittmar sold his hardware and machinery business and built a garage and show room and went into the automobile business. The telephone and post offices were moved to this new building.

In April 1925 Sophia Teichler had the honor of becoming Postmistress and served in that capacity until the office was closed in 1957. There was one rural mail route and this was carried by James Maloy and later by Oscar

Krug.

In 1900 the St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church was built south of Massbach. This was struck by lightning and burned. It was then decided to build a new church and parsonage north of the village. This church was demolished by tornadic winds in 1922, but was rebuilt and dedicated the same year.

An elementary school district was formed in 1921 by dividing two adjoining districts and a school house was

built.

Today Massbach, like so many tiny villages, is almost only a memory; the cheese factory is closed, the telephone company changed to the dial system and the garage removed to make room for a new road. Thus it is the old has to make room for the new.

AVERY

Avery was a stage coach stop on the farm which is now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Berlage. The large house could accommodate overnight travelers with food and lodging. There was also a post office. Where the Long Hollow school stands, now the home of Mrs. Henry Binns, there was also a very nice church building.

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APEX

Apex was a settlement consisting of several houses, a school and post office. It was located between Elizabeth and Hanover. The school still stands but has been converted into a residence.

GEORGETOWN

Georgetown was the beginning of Elizabeth. It was a mining town, and consisted of a group of crude cabins occupied by the miners. It had a small store and lime kiln both operated by a Mr. Richard Brown. Georgetown was divided into small lots and a large group of people owned the lots. In October 1896, Gilbert Hutchison bought one lot from Henry Green. This was the birthplace of Percy Hutchison, a former sheriff of Jo Daviess County. In January 1899 Julius Westphal bought some of the land.



It is important to say at the time that the miners abandoned Georgetown and moved to the present site of Elizabeth in order to send their products on the new railroad which had been built through Elizabeth.

In 1901 Julius Westphal bought the entire acreage of the little village of Georgetown. There are visible signs of some of the various town wells and two of the original buildings still stand on the farm now owned by Vernon and Clara Westphal.

DERINDA

Derinda was named after a lady residing in the township at the time when it was organized. She was the housewife of a former early postmaster and justice of this township, David Barr.

Robert Campbell made the first known land claim in Derinda in January 1836. Mr. Campbell had come to Jo Daviess County from Scotland via the unusual route of Hudson's Bay and the Red River of the North, by becoming an employee of the Hudson's Bay Company, an early large fur-trader at the Selkirk Settlement in Canada. At the same time, other westward-bound settlers had been attracted to this vicinity of rich fertile valleys and rolling prairie hills along the Big and Little Rush Creeks. In the spring of 1836, William and Thomas Oliver entered claims on the western border of Derinda, where they built their cabins along with Samuel McGrath, who came with his family in October of the same year.

Many of the very early German and Irish descent pioneers from the area rode horseback to Springfield to purchase their future land holdings from the federal government. They returned here to stake out their claims, using their own methods of measurement prescribed by certain rivers and creeks, marked rocks, and boundary trees as landmarks.



The law of 1820 set 80 acres as the minimum amount of land that could be purchased from the national government for \$1.25 an acre. Persons who lived on public lands for five years and made certain productive improvements, received the right to acquire the title to 160 acres through payment of a small fee due to the Homestead Act of 1862.

A post office was established in a general merchandise store, called the "Derinda Center Store," and opened by Joseph Pettit in 1867. The store sold groceries, and other various commodities up through the ownership and death of Sydney Anderson, the area's local telephone company's repair and service man. Also a cheese factory and creamery was in operation in this small hamlet. The present town hall was built in 1902.

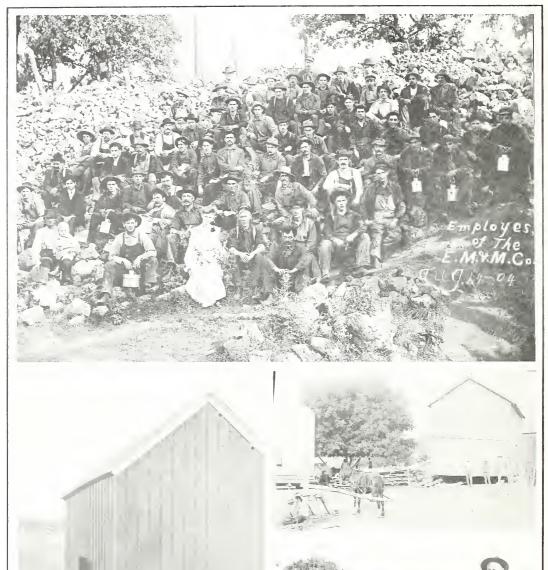
School was first kept in Derinda by John McKinley in his own house. The first schoolhouse was built in this farming community in 1839. School was taught in a schoolhouse and townhall at Derinda Center about the year of 1850. The Derinda Center School was the last rural country school to remain open until May 1962, when all its pupils were transferred to the Elizabeth Public Schools.

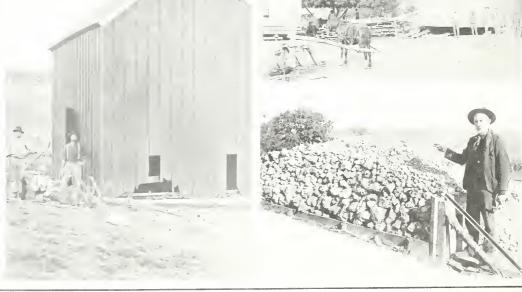
The first known preaching in the community was by Samuel McGrath, at his own residence, where afterwards a young circuit rider held occasional meetings. The first church building was one which the German Methodist members purchased at Galena in 1855, took apart and brought back to this community in wagons, erecting it again.

The German Lutheran Church was organized here approximately the same time. In the year 1856, traveling preachers and mission-minded ministers from neighboring villages conducted the first services. These pastors were transported by ox cart and horseback for a number of years.

The first church was built in 1872, near the site of the present church, which is now the cemetery. The present church was constructed and dedicated in 1925.







THREE ELIZABETHS





In 1832 the area around present-day Elizabeth, near the Elizabeth-Woodbine township line in Jo Daviess County, was sparsely populated. Few settlers had staked out claims. Those who came in 1825 and 1826 were interested only in the lead mining of the area. After a few years some pioneers began farming.

Early in the Spring, while farmers, carrying whips in one hand and guns in the other, were starting to plant their crops, reports of Indian attacks in the Dixon area began to circulate. Thereupon, news was spread among the settlers of a meeting to be held at the Labaum and St. Vrain store under the leadership of Captain Clack Stone. The settlers concluded that the protection of a fort was needed and at once began to clear one hundred square feet south of the present Elizabeth cemetery. The square was enclosed by a stockade of rough posts about twelve feet high, driven close together. One corner was formed by a settler's log house, and a two-story blockhouse was constructed in the opposite corner. Its upper story protruded two feet over the lower corner as a protection against Indians who might try to set the building on fire. Also constructed were two cabins for living guarters. Benches were built along the walls of the fort for the defenders as they shot through the portholes. Supplies were brought from the farms, and when the fort was completed, about twenty-two men and twentythree women and children occupied it.

In mid-June, George Eames, who had fled to Galena when he heard the warning about the Indians, decided to return to Elizabeth with some Galena companions to inspect his crops and visit his friends. They spent a joyous evening in the fort and had no idea that Indians were lurking outside listening to them. They found evidence of Indians the next morning. Their horses were missing! Immediately a group of six volunteers set out to retrieve the stolen horses. They were traced to Kellogg's Grove, where Eames and two companions, Stephen Howard and Michael Lovell, were killed by the Indians. The remaining three men went back to the fort for reinforcements. They returned to the grove the following day and found that the Indians had left. At that time they buried the dead.

On Sunday, June 24, volunteers William Kirkpatrick, George Harkleroad, Fred Dixon, and Edwin Welch set out for Dixon from Galena with official dispatches. After eating dinner at the Elizabeth fort the four proceeded through a narrow gap. Welch spurred his horse on ahead. He found Indians sooner than he expected, for over the hill a band was waiting. Welch killed one Indian and, being wounded, retreated behind the other riders to the fort. Dixon, fearing there were too many Indians took off for Galena.

The settlers at Elizabeth had just set out to pick gooseberries, but they hurried back to the fort after the fleeing riders warned them. Before long the whoops and yells of the Indians were heard, and the attack began. Indians on foot and horseback descended upon the fort, some to within forty feet. Because the women and children helped to keep the guns loaded, the Indians were deceived as to the number of occupants within.

Harkleroad carelessly exposed himself while firing, and the Indians spotted him. He was killed instantly by a shot in the neck. He was the only person to be fatally wounded in this battle. Mrs. Elizabeth Armstrong took up his gun intending to use it, but the men decided it would be better if she loaded the guns and let them do the firing.

Black Hawk, for he was the leader of the attacking band, thought that reinforcements would be coming and retreated after a few hours, taking what provisions could be found in the settlers' homes. The Indians felt this was safer than burning the fort and attracting the attention of any troops which might be in the area.

Since there were no further attacks by the Indians, the settlers returned to their homes in August, and the fort was not used again. Today there is no trace of any buildings or of a stockade where the fort once stood. Harkleroad was buried nearby, but no monument marks his grave, and it is believed that the Great Western Railroad passes over the spot. There is no Indian burial ground because the retreating Indians removed all their fallen braves so that no one would know how many were lost in battle. Many of the settlers who had helped build the fort and fought there are buried in what is the present-day Elizabeth cemetery.

Elizabeth is a living tribute to three brave women who played important roles in the town's early history. Elizabeth Winters, wife of John Winters, was one of the first settlers, and the town of Elizabeth is located on what was the Winter's property. Most people feel that the town was named in her honor. However, some historians feel that two other Elizabeths, Mrs. Elizabeth Van Volkenburg, who supposedly sneaked from the fort during the battle to obtain more ammunition, and Mrs. Elizabeth Armstrong, who helped to load the empty guns during the attack, may have shared in this honor.

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THE LIFE OF "EBY'S" MILL Dennis L. Albrecht

In 1842 a saw mill was constructed about one mile west of Elizabeth, Illinois, on the Apple River. Two men, one by the name of Isaac Horr and the other by the name of Mr. Smith, had ownership in this building. They continued to run it until in 1848 when they accepted Henry Glessner as a

third partner of the firm. After Mr. Glessner became a partner, the style of the firm became known as "H. Glessner & Co." Joseph Watson purchased Mr. Smith's interest in 1852, and a few years later the mill was changed to a carding and at a later date to a yarn mill.

In 1855 Mr. Glessner hired a man by the name of Charles Eby. Mr. Eby was born in Baden, Germany, on the Rhine in 1832, and a civil strife in his country caused him to flee from his land in 1850.

He came to America with five dollars in his possession and had only twelve and a half cents on reaching Philadelphia. He earned the reputation of an expert workman because he had been taught the dryer's trade in his home country. He received good wages, and in 1855 came to Jo Daviess County where he was accepted by Mr. Glessner.

Mr. Glessner purchased Mr. Watson's interest in 1865, and two years later the interest of Mr. Horr — who had died, but whose ownership still remained for a little while — was sold to Mr. Eby and to a man by the name of Mr. Hefty. Eby & Hefty bought the interest of Mr. Glessner in 1870 and changed the name of the firm to "Eby & Hefty." About 8,000 pounds of yarn were turned out annually although they worked only seven months of the year. Mr. Eby bought the entire mill in 1877 and changed the name to "Eby's Mill" of which name it is still known today, although there were a few owner's after him.

In 1897 the machines were taken out of the mill, alter-

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ations made, and the building was refitted from a yarn mill to a flouring mill. Men and sometimes women carried their wheat by horse and wagon to the mill to be ground into flour. The power was supplied by a dam which was one hundred and twenty feet long and stood five feet high. It was built of hewed logs, and lumber was placed in front of the logs which were facing the water. The water was forced through a flume which caused a spiral wheel that was thirty inches wide to spin and make the machines inside the mill turn. Cement was added to the dam in 1914 so that it would be more secure.

In the early 1920's Jake Hetzel operated the mill, and at a later date Howard Hartman purchased it from him. In 1929, due to an inflammation of grain, the mill burned completely and a lot was lost. Mr. Hartman built a grist mill on the same location in 1930. It was made out of redwood and stood three stories high plus a basement. One year the water was so low that a Titan tractor was

used to supply the power.

Mr. Hartman moved away from the township of Elizabeth and Mr. William Plosch continued to run the mill for a number of years until a lack of business forced him to close down. Around 1946 the mill was torn down and the lumber was sold by Mr. Plosch.



WHAT BECAME OF WESTON Connie Kahl

It has been said that "the lead that won the Civil War came from Jo Daviess County." Located in the northwest corner of this county is the famous lead-mining town of Galena, famous not only for lead but also for its military leaders, such as U. S. Grant.

Around the mining town of Galena are smaller towns of various size which

have sprung up quickly, grown to a thousand or more, and then dwindled in population until, sometimes, nothing remains to show that a large town once existed — that people lived, worked and died there. This is the story of one town — Weston; how and why it grew, its people, and why it disappeared almost completely.

During the early 1800's, when lead-mining was a flourishing industry in this area, quite a few surface deposits were found in a vicinity south and east of Galena, near Apple River — an area now located about three miles west

of the town of Elizabeth, Illinois.

Naturally, where there is work and industry, there are people; and when lead was discovered, hundreds of people moved to this area to work the mines, and more people followed them to set up stores and shops.

In 1846, the maximum lead-production of the Weston area was fifty million pounds. As a result of this, John C. Gardner platted the town of Weston in March, 1847. Almost overnight, it grew into a thriving town of over 1,000 people, most of whom were Cornish miners.

The main street of this town was called Lone Street and still exists as a graveled country road winding through the quiet countryside. The first smelting furnace was run by one of Weston's leading citizens, Henry Green, who was the owner of approximately 1,900 acres of excellent land. He had been in this area since 1842, and it was because of his concern for the preservation of many vital and important facts that accurate records were kept after his arrival. His furnace was located somewhere between Weston and Elizabeth and his house was about one and one-half miles from Weston proper. The wood for his two-story, sixteen room house came from Bellevue, Iowa, where the closest saw mill was located. The lumber was hauled during the winter on a sled pulled by horses approximately thirty miles - from Bellevue, across the frozen Mississippi, and to the present location. When it was finished, it was the finest home in this locality.

Mr. Green also donated land for a school and a cemetery. This first school — located on a point of land formed by two gravel roads and quite near the cemetery — was partially burned and vandals destroyed what remained. A new Methodist church was built approximately one-quarter of a mile east of the original school and was used as a school, too. In 1923, the Methodists went to Elizabeth to church and the building was used as a school until it, too burned in 1933. The rock for this building was mined right in the vicinity. A second schoolhouse was built in the same location as the Methodist Church. This one, a frame building, still stands and has been converted into a home. The persistence of the miners to provide a schoolhouse for the benefit of their children showed they were aware of

the advantages of an education.

The cemetery, incorporating about an acre or two of ground, is still in use, although many of the old-fashioned headstones have toppled. There are people buried there, including Mr. Green, who have fought in the Blackhawk War, or some other war, and some who were born in 1776. The people buried in this cemetery would be able to tell of many unbelieveable things and could recreate many scenes of days of yore.

Another large landowner, Mr. William Goldthorpe, managed the general store and the post office and was a School Director for many years. He was believed to possess 13,085 acres of land, and was also a partner with Green

in the smelting business.

There was also a racetrack on the northwest outskirts of the town and was owned by Mr. Williams. A blacksmith shop was run, being indispensible to the livelihood and prosperity of the town as, obviously, were the saloons, seeing that there were quite a few in Weston — the exact number not known; some believe it to be around thirty!

Even with all the people and the business in Weston, the town did not prosper. In a few years, the pockets of ore were exhausted and the miners moved on to greener pastures, although some stayed to farm the land and raise their families. All that is left now of the town of Weston is its main street, the cemetery, the school, and an old corn crib which was once owned by one of the miners — turned farmer. The many acres that were once owned, mined, or farmed by one man were fenced off in small sections and sold. However, evidence of float mining can be easily discovered. All that one must do is to take a walk across the countryside today. Consider yourself lucky if you don't fall into a mining pit or come suddenly upon a huge, grass-covered mound of dirt.

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SKENE MINE Thomas Young

Charles Ashmore was born in England in 1829. His father Joseph Ashmore came to the United States in 1831, and to Elizabeth in 1832. Then he bought two thousand acres of land southwest of Elizabeth. About 1899 he discovered "LEAD" on Henry Ashmore's farm. The Skene Mine was the result of his findings.

The mine was discovered by Charles, but on Henry's farm. The reason they found it was because they were straightening a creek and there it lay on top of the ground. The two men mined it by themselves when there wasn't too much farm work to do. Charles bought Henry's half of the mine and later leased the mine to George Skene, and this is how it was known as the SKENE MINE. George Skene was born in the vicinity of Derinda. He was formerly a bridge builder in this part of the county, (Elizabeth) before he operated the mine.

The mine had three shafts, the deepest one was about 120 feet deep. At the highest point of output there were about 100 men working there, and at one time they ran 3 — 8-hour shifts. There were two huge boilers to produce steam so they could run their machines, operate the pumps, and so they could have electric lights in the mine, which in those days was a little rare. There was one fatal accident in which only one man was killed, and one other badly injured. It happened because they were blasting and they thought that everyone was out of the mine.

As the mine progressed there was a road built from the mine to the railroad tracks which was about one mile away. There was a side track built on also, for the empty waiting railroad cars to carry the lead to Dubuque, Iowa.

In 1905 the Skene Mine shut down, and hasn't been reopened or worked in since. The mine was abandoned because it was too expensive to keep pumping out the water, because the biggest amount of lead was under water.

Today there is not much left of the Great Skene Mine. If anyone were to visit the site where the mine use to be, you would find very little —maybe some small pieces of lead and the old shafts which are falling in. All the tailings have been hauled away and used on the county roads.

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THE WISHON MINE Small but profitable Arthur Krug

The mine which was known as the Wishon Mine was located near the village of Elizabeth, Illinois. It wasn't a large mine but the ore run that it had was a very valuable one. Martin Wishon who was born in Cumberland County, Ky., came to Elizabeth and began farming, but after not making

much on his farm he decided to open a mine which he thought might bring him a better income. He was very right for the mine was to be a rich lead ore run; then around the turn of the century the ore ran out so the mine was shut down

Then in 1903 the Wishon Mine was reopened by the Wishon Mining Company, who thought they could find a lower run of ore under the old one. The company took this chance because lead ore in the early 1900's was a big

importance to the economy of Elizabeth and the surrounding towns, and if a big enough run of ore could be found it could bring in a good amount of money for the company and Martin Wishon. But the company wasn't in the red too much for they had a starting capital of 100,000 dollars to begin operations in searching for the vein of ore. When the company found the run, it too, like the first run was a rich one, and it paid off very well to the workers and the workers' families. It also gave Martin Wishon a good sum of money to live on as long as the mine was in production.

But then as it had before, the ore vein ran out and the mine was shut down Today all that is left of the Wishon Mine is a hole in the ground, and if anyone went to look

at it there wouldn't be much to see.

If lead ore were as important today as it was sixty years ago there would be some mining company on the site of the old Wishon Mine looking for another run of lead ore, and if they dug deep enough they just might find what they are looking for.

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THE NINETY-SIXTH REGIMENT Marion Ertmer

By the summer of 1862, a crisis was beginning to arise for the Union forces of the Civil War. Instead of overtaking the Confederation as had been planned, it was stronger than it had been expected, and was now resisting the Union forces successfully. With this situation now existing it became necessary for Lincoln to call

for volunteers. By the close of August of 1862, over a half-million men were awaiting to serve their country. Of this half-million was the Ninety-Sixth Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry.

The Ninety-Sixth Regiment was recruited largely of men from Jo Daviess County, but it also consisted of men from Lake County in the eastern part of Illinois. The two counties joined hands because of their former relationship as being in the same Congressional District. This friendly relationship led to be an important factor of the Regiment because with this they could make themselves much more efficient on the battlefield.

On September 6, 1862, the six companies from Jo Daviess County united with the four Lake County Companies and were mustered into service at Rockford. The remaining month of September was spent arming and drilling the men for field action. For the next year the Regiment was engaged in small skirmishes, but it was not until September 20, 1863, that they received their full baptism of blood. This was at the battle of Chickamauga, and the losses for the Ninety-Sixth in killed, wounded, and missing amounted to two hundred-twenty, over half of the men engaged. Also two companies were captured which amounted to thirty-six men taken prisoner. The Ninety-Sixth suffered the heaviest casualties of any regiment in the Reserve Corps.

After the battle of Chickamauga, there came a period of hard times for the Regiment. They were skirmishing daily in bad weather, with improper clothing, and worst of all, they had little or no rations. On some days the only rations that were issued were one ear of corn per man! But by the end of October, the Regiment was transferred to Georgia, and were now getting the proper rations once again.

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For the next year and one-half the Regiment was engaging in numerous skirmishes, and in some the casualties were quite severe. This period of time led to the end of their services. It was now June 30, 1865, and at this time the Regiment was stationed at Camp Douglas, Illinois, where the men received their pay and mustered out of the United States' service.

The total number of casualties of the Ninety-Sixth Regiment rank in the upper portion of the list of other regiments. Of the seven hundred sixty-eight men who mustered into the regiment, over one-third of them did not live to see their accomplishment of reuniting the nation. In making these sufferings and sacrifices for three long years, the Regiment must have had a great devotion to their country.

And so it was that on that June 30, 1865, the Ninety-Sixth Regiment Illinois Infantry Volunteers had passed into history. These were the men who had gone to the front to help their brothers who had previously gone to battle, and these were the men who tried and succeeded in turning back the treason and rebellion that was threatening to engulf their homes.

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STONE SCHOOL IN LONG HOLLOW Lissa Lunning

Tucked neatly in the hills of Jo Daviess County, Illinois, lies the town of Elizabeth; three miles west is Long Hollow, a curling finger of valley that reaches into the rising terrain. As the eye traces the length of Long Hollow on a local map, it notices familiar names of present-day farmers and rural residents. Before the eye has finished

its sweep across the map it has also noted the Long Hollow School, a piece of local history that merits more than the occasional glance of an eye.

The population of Long Hollow grew with pioneer expansion westward. In 1858 it became apparent to the residents of Long Hollow that a school was needed in their community. On April 9, 1858, the final papers were signed closing a transaction between Nathaniel and Elizabeth Morris and the school trustees of Jo Daviess County. The transaction concerned the sale of a one-half acre of land at seventeen dollars for the construction of the Long Hollow School. A local resident and stonemason, Obediah Breed, was retained to erect the stone schoolhouse for sixty dollars.

Breed, a descendent of the Massachusetts Breeds upon whose property the bloody battle of Bunker Hill was fought in the Revolutionary War, came to Jo Daviess County in 1835. He started in New York state and traveled across Canada and around Lake Michigan until he finally reached the Rock River at the present site of Rockford. There he sold his team and continued toward Jo Daviess County on foot.

Breed quarried the limestone for the schoolhouse about two miles north of the construction site. He used the "plug and feather" method of quarrying the rock — a method whereby a series of holes was drilled in the rock at certain intervals and explosives were poured into them; when the explosives were ignited, the limestone cracked along lines that passed through the drilled holes. Thus the stone broke into uniform pieces which were then hand hewn to the desired size. The finished stones were loaded on a "stone-

boat" (a flat platform on runners that was drawn by oxen) and dragged to the construction site. Once there the stones were skillfully fitted into place. The little schoolhouse was ready for use in 1860. After the stone masonry on the schoolhouse was completed, Breed was sent by the government to begin stone work on a fort in St. Louis, an assignment that also attests to the man's skill.

The yellow stone schoolhouse is rectangular, except for a small woodshed that projects from one side. The sturdy building has walls that are two feet thick, and it measures twenty feet by forty feet. The one room was furnished with blackboards on two walls and seats bolted to the floor. These, however, were later exchanged for more modern furniture. Windows on the south and west walls served as the main source of light, and one small door was the only entrance.

The new schoolhouse accommodated grades one through eight, with sometimes only one pupil in a grade. When this happened, the child was usually put in the next higher or lower grade, depending on his or her ability.

Teachers employed at the school usually boarded with nearby families, because the distance to the nearest town was too great for easy commuting, especially when the weather was bad.

The conveniences enjoyed by students and teachers at Long Hollow increased through the years. The school was heated at first by a wood-burning stove, then a coal circulating heater, and finally an oil furnace.

Electricity did not reach the little school until quite recently, so kerosene lamps in wall brackets furnished light on dark days. When school functions took place at night and still more light was needed, residents brought their own gasoline lanterns. The school was lucky enough to acquire a player piano for singalongs, but when electricity came to Long Hollow the piano was ably assisted by a record player. Before plumbing was installed, a washstand and dipper were used by the children when they cleaned up for lunch.

The students of the Long Hollow School at first walked or rode to school in buggies or on horses. Later they enjoyed bicycles and rides in trucks and cars, but not until 1952 did buses serve the school.

As the school seasoned with age, it became the hub of community life. In the 1930's and 1940's socials were held on Halloween. At such affairs children would have small parts to perform, and a money-making project of some kind would be in progress to provide funds for much needed books and other school equipment. A community club was organized by area residents so that families could enjoy square dances, talent shows, and other recreational activities.

When Elizabeth School District #208 acquired Long Hollow School, the school received the benefits of buses and other more modern conveniences enjoyed by larger schools. In 1957, however, the Elizabeth School District decided to abandon the one-room country school and transfer its pupils to the school in Elizabeth. The old building is now a private residence.

Some Long Hollow School students have become leaders of the community and are a particular credit to their school. Time has weathered the rock, and winds that whistle through the hills have left their marks on the roof, but time and winds have not by any means defaced the service that this one-room schoolhouse has given to the community.

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THE HISTORY OF A SMALL TOWN'S SCHOOL Tom Virtue

Of all the memories treasured by the people of a small community, the country schoolhouse probably tops the list. The people remember the building in which they received their education as compared to the modern school buildings, and in their minds

the old country schoolhouse undoubtedly reigns as the allround superior.

The people at Woodbine, Illinois, have had such thoughts of their old schoolhouse, whether it was the first, second, or last of the three buildings used in that small town. Education began in Woodbine (then Jewell's Prairie) only three years after the Black Hawk War when Rev. Shunk erected a building which served as both school and church. For nine years the children of the area attended classes under Rev. Shunk, then in 1844 A. B. White and Solomon Shore built another building which also served as the school and church until 1868 when the Methodist Church was built.

This second building saw many students during the next few years; in fact, in 1903 the district found it necessary to build another building due to lack of space. The new building was considered a great achievement, but once again in 1916 the community was asked for support. The contract for an addition to the thirteen-year-old building was awarded to Jacob Bertsh, the lowest bidder at \$1060.

The next few years' history of this community's school do not reveal anything spectacular to the casual observer. However, if you speak to a few citizens of that small town you realize that like any other schools there were days which stand out in the minds of those involved. There were community meetings, public spell-downs, and picnics; and of course there were also the day-to-day classes which had their bright spots.

Ironically the next large historical event for this school was its closing. All country school buildings were doomed to this fate, but the Woodbine school was one of the very last to close its doors. In fact, only five short years ago the students at Woodbine were attending the last few weeks of school ever held in that community.

The disposing of this building by the Stockton School District was typical of many country school buildings, but the history of this schoolhouse was not over. On October 13, 1962, the building was sold to Carl Brudi, a local farmer. Instead of using it as an extra barn as is the fate of many such buildings, this building was remodeled for human occupation.

In January of 1965, Mr. Brudi's oldest son moved into this temporary home. He stayed for almost six months, but then again the building was left vacant. Not until November of 1966 were the doors opened again, this time to a new church formed by a group of local people.

The future of this building is uncertain. It could be the home of a prosperous church, or it could be just another vacant school building waiting for some unknown means of destruction. Whatever the future may hold, this and the previous two buildings of the Woodbine School District have served the community well, and they are well remembered by the community.



A HISTORY OF SLAVERY Susan Lunning

At the time in 1818 when the territory of Illinois became a state in the Union it was under the jurisdiction of the Ordinance of 1787. This group of laws set down the rules for the government of the Northwest Territory. Contained in these laws was a provision maintaining that there should not be slavery or involuntary servitude

in any part of the Northwest Territory. However, in Illinois the great expanses of level farm land and the lead ore deposits proved to be good excuses to bring slaves from the South. Illinois evaded the law in the Ordinance of 1787 by passing several statutes which made the holding of "servants" lawful. These statutes came to be known as the Black Laws of Illinois.

The chief attraction for slave labor in Jo Daviess County was lead mining. It was known that there were slaves working in the lead mines from 1820 to 1841. At one time during this twenty years the number of slaves in the Galena area was estimated to be one hundred to one hundred fifty.

Several slaves also were sold in Galena for domestic use. On March 14, 1830, there is a record of a sale of a Negro girl. She was five years old, and was purchased for the price of \$75.00. One of the stipulations of her purchase, however, stated that she be set free upon reaching the age of 18 years. Another girl and her son were sold on May 30, 1830, to receive their freedom at the ages of 28 and 21 respectively. So in a sense the Jo Daviess County slavery was "indentured servitude." The slaves were compelled to work, with room and board, for a given amount of time, then set free. One sale was quite different from these others. This was the sale of a Negro woman as a part of a lot. Contained in this lot were horses, oxen, a herd of cattle and a wagon, as if the woman wasn't a human being at all.

In Illinois the slaves were treated in much the same way that they were in the South — as lowly laborers. These feelings were so deeply rooted that when a white woman tried to teach some of the Negro children in school she immediately became the center of malicious gossip and abuse. Even after slavery was abolished in the state the Negro children could not attend public schools or associate with white children.

After the Civil War, however, anti-slavery became one of the chief sentiments of the Northern Illinois people. Colored children were soon admitted to public schools and with the passage of a law in 1874, Negro children attended free schools without molestation. The "colored line" which had been drawn between black and white children for so long was erased forever.

It seems quite hard to believe that Illinois, a Union state in the Civil War, and a staunch anti-slavery state afterwards, once itself, had had slavery. Even more difficult to grasp is the idea that there were slaves toiling in the same fields we till today, and working in mines, long closed, but close by those which are active today. The thought of slaves and slavery brings to mind the South and wicked masters and huge plantations, not great grandfathers and our own backyards.

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NEWS HEADLINES TAKEN FROM THE FILES OF THE ELIZABETH WEEKLY NEWS

1913

Feb. 1 - Elizabeth to have new moving picture show of her own. Ed Burns installed machine in the Armitage Building. The building will be fitted with opera seats and every modern convenience.

May 19 - Grant Highway to go through Elizabeth! Estimated cost for 190 miles is \$3,160,000.

June 16 — Elizabeth to have new Up-to-Date Picture Show. Said to be one of the best in Northern Illinois. Ed Burns - Owner - Star Theater.

Aug. 4 - Much Property Changing Hands in Elizabeth. All real estate is advancing in price from \$500 to \$1,000. Prediction of boom is seen. Much of this is caused by the Grant Highway coming this way and the start of

electric lights.

I. E. Shaw purchased the Tom White bldg., which joins the State Bank, and in which Bray and Goldsworthy have had their Confectionary Store. O. M. Bishop purchased a part of the Bray property in which Bonjour and Wand have their Plumbing Works, and Bray and Goldsworthy purchased the other part in which the Harness Shop is, and also Will Unger's Barber Shop.

Nov. 24 — Electric Lights Soon!

Dec. 29 - To Have Lights by First of Year!

Dec. 5 - First piece of Concrete on Grant Highway Open for Travel.

1916

Jan. 7 - Lights Finally Turned On!

Students of Sadie Hagie to Present Piano Recital

February 24, 1916 - Those participating were: Irma Atchison, Bessie Powers, Howard Bohnhoff, Anna Wand, Florence Schreck, Florence Williams, Louise Fahrion, Mona Winters and Virginia Farrell. Also Effie Stadel, Anna Becker, Alma Artman, Sadie Bohnhoff, Florence Becker, Alma Groezinger, Mrs. Joe Virtue, Mabel Armitage and Miss Mabel Pollock.

Vocal Quartette - Mrs. McKenzie, Mrs. Pearce, Mr.

McKillips and Dr. Hagie.

Mar. 29 - Over 600 people attended Grand Opening of the new Elizabeth Garage.

July 5 — Seven train loads of troops pass through city last week for Mexico.

July 19 – W. W. Eastman of Hanover purchases undertaking business from Jos. Armitage Sr.

Aug. 30 - Rev. Edward Merkle, pastor of Luthern Church, left for Waterbury, Conn. for his new charge. Rev. Meyer of Coal City, III, will take his place.

At the Home Bakery — Bread 6c, Buns 12c, Pies 12c,

C. L. Duell, Prop.

Sept. 13 - Standard Oil to complete oil station this week Oct. 4 — H. D. Robinson sells barbershop to John Thomas. Lee Mitchell to assist Mr. Thomas.

Nov. 22 - New lunch room and soft drink parlor to open soon in Westphal bldg. To be run by Henry Rowley.

Dec. 6 - Bishop's Big Opening. Huge crowd at opening of Bishop's New Opera House last Thursday.

Dec. 13 - Mill Changes Hands - Eby & Winter sell Grist Mill to Jacob Hetzel of Sheron, Pa.

Dec. 27 - W. C. Ivey to move his cigar factory in room next to State Bank (Maker of Highway Special Cigars.)

April 25 - Seven young men from Elizabeth left last evening to enlist in the Army.

May 9 - School boys leave their studies to help farmers with the crops. A. L. Cox retiring from his Confectionary Store, sold out to Tom White.

May 23 - Clarence Holcomb, first Elizabeth boy to die at the front while fighting in France.

June 6 — Elizabeth to have oiled streets in the near future in place of the old muddy ones.

Red Cross Organized in Elizabeth.

July 4 - N. A. Gault will build large show room opposite the depot. The old Odd Fellows bldg, will be torn down to make room for the new structure. The Odd Fellows are making arrangements to move into the Menzemer blda.

July 18 - Cletus Banwarth writes essay on America's Birds and wins first prize of \$3. The prize was offered by "The Woman's Magazine" published by the New Idea

Co. of New York.

Aug. 1 - E. J. Burns to open up a large and up-to-date Sorghum Mill this coming season. The mill is situated opposite the Public School bldg, and will be ready for operation in Sept.

Aug. 22 — Bethel School was Dedicated Saturday Evening. Dec. 5 - No more new cases of Small Pox reported in Elizabeth. School will start again next week and public

meetings as well.

J. F. Read has sold his 20 acre farm, on the edge of town, to Charles Siemen of Woodbine, for \$600 per acre. Mr. Read sold his large farm to Burl Reed.

1918

Jan. 9 - Private Wm. Toms Dies at Fort Sill, Okla.

June 26 — The Farm Labor Problem — All able bodied men are required to register next Tues, for farm labor. Registration to take place at the Post Office.

Sept. 18 - Dr. F. E. Hagie to enter Surgery Dept. of Army. Oct. 2 — Word received that Wm. Reusch had died in France. Oct. 9 — School closed due to epidemic of Spanish Influenza. City quarantined for five weeks.

Nov. 4 - J. P. Fraser & Co. make announcement that they will dispose of business holdings at this place.

1920

July 20 - Pythian Sister Lodge Organized. Elizabeth Farmers form Farmers Electric Organization with Henry Droegmiller as president.

1922

Apr. 26 - Robbers at Elizabeth Last Wednesday - Hoskins Lumber Office and Garage entered; Ford car stolen, but recovered. Little loot obtained.

May 31 - Logan & Vanderheyden Dissolve -The firm of Logan and Vanderheyden, proprietors of the Elizabeth Garage, dissolved partnership last week and Howard Vanderheyden assumes the business.

Aug. 30 - Right-of-way for hard road through Woodbine

township is secured.

Sept. 27 — The old Blacksmith Shop of Sol Pearce's has been torn down and the foundation put in for the new

Nov. 15 - Vanderheyden & Gerkman have formed a company to be known as The Spotlight Sign Co. of Elizabeth and have installed a machine to show slides on a sign board constructed in front of the Elizabeth Garage.

1926

Don Clegg established general store.

Mar. 3 — J. L. Graham is the new owner of the J. P. Fraser Co. Store. Mr. Graham invites the public to call and become acquainted.

Mar. 17 — Elizabeth Takes Second in County Basketball Tournament.

Aug. 18 - Elizabeth Community Dramatic Club presents "When a Feller Needs a Friend" at Bishops Opera House — Friday & Saturday.

1927

Feb. 1927 - Interstate Power Co. Purchased Elizabeth Light and Power.

May 23 - Dr. A. T. Nadig and Laura Price killed in gas explosion at Nadia home.

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June 15 — Announcement that Dr. E. J. Wiley would practice here.

1928

 Mar. 25 — D. R. Bullard and L. O. Graves, new owners of Elizabeth Garage, to rebuild and be open by May 10.
 Feb. 1 — Galena Cut Will Be Paved.

Feb. 15 — John Gerkman installed radio at school so students could listen to New York Symphony Orchestra. Mar. 21 — School closed for purpose of checking influenza

epidemic

Mar. 28 - Contract for Paving Route 78.

Apr. 25 — Old Time Fiddlers Contest Packs Bishops Hall.

May 30 — Bessie Duell, who has taught at Terrapin Ridge for a number of years, has accepted a position at Esmond. III.

Soldiers and Sailors Reunion to be held at Bishops Opera House.

Aug. 15 — Eighth Annual Elizabeth Fair to be Sept. 12 & 13. Aug. 22 — Surveyors at work on Route 80 this week.

Sept. 5 - Dr. Wiley buys Dr. Denny practice.

Sept. 12 — Possibility of 40 foot Highway from Chicago to Dubuque Soon.

Sept. 26 - Ernest Haas purchased the Bryant property on West Main St. and will erect a new modern garage with sales room. To be brick structure.

Oct. 17 — Greyhound Bus Service becomes Effective Oct. 12 between Rockford and East Dubuque.

Oct. 31 – Elizabeth to have Sewerage System.

Nov. 7 — Hoover Wins in Nation

1929

Jan. 9 — Roy Armitage Wins Prizes on Poultry — Entry — a Pair of Partridge Plymouth Rock Chickens.

Feb. 13 — V. J. Banter Resigns Farm Advisor Post.

Feb. 13 — Two Little Girls Were Lost Monday Night

Apr. 10 — H. R. Brunnemeyer Arrived to Begin Duties as Farm Advisor

June 19 — Elizabeth Butter and Cheese Co. Plant Lose Ten Tubs of Butter — No Trace of Robbers

June 26 — Sewer Project Nears Completion

July 31 — Interstate Light and Power Co. Busy Setting Poles to Carry Electric Current to Woodbine

Aug. 14 — Bishops Theater Will be Closed for Two Weeks — Next Show to be Aug. 30

Sept. 11 — Harold Taft Declared Champion in Tennis Association in the final singles. The schedule in the couples has been considerably disrupted due to the weather, vacations and the like.

Sept. 25 — World's Largest Hog Raised Near Elizabeth — O. J. Kehl & Son Owners. Hog weighed 1135 lbs.

Oct. 2 — W. J. McQuillen has decided to close out his entire stock of merchandise and retire.

Oct. 9 — County Officers Raid Hanover Liquor Joints

Oct. 9 — County W.C.T.U. Will Not Meet Here Tomorrow 1930

Mar. 5 — Elizabeth Independent Basketball Team won their last game on the seasons schedule, when they nosed

out the Woodbine Independents 10 to 7. Mar. 12 — Route 80 Will go North from Hanover to Route

5 near Elizabeth.

Apr. 30 — Bishops Theater Announced That They Expect to Open With All Talking Pictures. New projection machines will be installed and Elizabeth will have talkies that compare favorably with cities much larger.

May 14 — "Womanless Wedding" will be shown for the last time tonight. 63 member cast . All attendance records broken.

Aug. 27 — Midnight fire damages Gable Bakery and Restaurant.

Sept. 10 — Old Elizabeth Roller Mill Totally Destroyed by Fire. Built in 1842, was oldest building of its kind in this section of the state. Dec. 3 — Elizabeth to Dedicate New School addition on Dec. 10. State Superintendent of High Schools to Attend. 1931

Aug. 5 — Jo Daviess County 4H Dairy Team Wins first place in State Contest

Sept. 9 — Public Gatherings in Elizabeth Banned—Churches

and Schools Closed due to Infantile Paralysis
Oct. 21 — Fire in Bishops Department Store Saturday.
Destroys large amount of merchandise, fire gained

headway before being discovered.

Oct. 21 — Elizabeth Citizens Want Fire Department

1932

Mar. 16 — The Newly Organized Fire Dept., and their new truck, answered their first alarm about 7:30 A.M. Monday for a chimney fire at the Riley Hitt home.

May 18 — Citizens of Elizabeth township are determined to have better roads leading to Elizabeth, work is progressing rapidly on the road from town past the A. L. Ashmore farm. Gravel has been put on this stretch from the edge of town across the railroad tracks to the top of the hill.

June 15 — Two Main Street dwellings, four cars and a heavy motor truck with trailer were damaged Sat. in a most spectacular accident. The heavy truck ran wild through the Main St. and struck the four cars on its way thru and came to stop when it ran into the homes of Mrs. Delia Laign and Mrs. Mary Goldsworthy.

June 15 — The Elizabeth Exchange Bank did not open for business Monday Morning. At the directors meeting it was decided to close the bank for examination and

adjustment.

Nov. 2 — The F. F. Fischer Hardware Store in Woodbine was robbed Wed. night. Merchandise valued at between \$400 and \$500 was taken.

Nov. 9 — Work was started on rebuilding the Oliver School which was destroyed by fire three weeks ago.

Dec. 21 — The Elizabeth Golf Club will stage a Carnival and Dance on Dec. 29th according to the President of the Club, Dr. W. C. Eustice.

Dec. 21 — Work has started on Cutting the Elizabeth Ice Supply on Apple River. Ice is reported to be seven to 10 inches thick and of good quality. The ice is being cut up the river from the Georgetown Bridge.

1934

Jan. 10 — Plans Under Way For New Park Here. New Park to be on 10 acre tract of land formerly owned by Frank Fraser just west of the school.

Jan. 10 — Elizabeth Boys Narrowly Escape Injury In Auto Accident. Harvey Fraser and Marshall Read were pinned beneath the truck they were driving while on their way to Sterling, where Harvey was to take the test to enter West Point Military Academy.

Jan. 17 — Elizabeth—Hanover Centrals Merged. The Hanover telephone lines have been connected with the Elizabeth board since there were not enough patrons at that place to warrant the maintaining of an exchange.

Jan. 17 — After nearly three months without a school building, because of a mysterious fire last Oct., the school children of the Weston district again have their own school house. Miss Genevieve Tippett is the teacher.

Jan. 17 - Horse Drawn Vehicles Must Carry Lights

Feb. 21 — New Low Bus Rates in Effect to Chicago, Round trip \$3.75

Mar. 21 — Old garage building which adjoins the town hall is being razed by Dr. W. C. Eustice so that he may beautify the grounds with garden and shrubs.

1935

Jan. 2 — The reservior was completely relined with brick, relief workers doing the job.

Sept. — Jack and Maude Brooks shows are in town.

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Nov. 4 - A new front has been constructed on the City Hall here, and when the large door for the fire station division, of the former Elizabeth Exchange bank, arrives, the work of remodeling will near completion.

Dec. 9 - The Jo Daviess County Shipping Association of Elizabeth, with Francis Kevern as manager, had a record volume of business during the 12 months ending

Nov. 30th.

Dec. 30 -Over 100 graduates and their guests attended the annual school reunion. Mrs. Harold Taft was elected president.

Dec. 30 — Homer Kearnaghan arrives to start duties as Jo Daviess Farm Advisor.

Jan. 27 — Elizabeth Taxpayers to get cut of 17c per \$100 valuation on 1937 tax bills.

Corporation tax down 51 cents in last two years report

Feb. 17 — Dollar Day-Special Bargain Day to be held in Elizabeth Sat. Special prices in effect in practically every store.

Feb. 24 - The Home Bureau's Second Annual Play Day will be held on March 17th in Bishop's Hall.

Apr. 28 - Ira Shaw Observes 32 Anniversary of Business. Has drug and jewelry business.

May 19 - The graduating class of 1938 will wear caps and gowns for the first time in several years.

Oct. 5 - The High school band will give a carnival to be part of the drive to relieve band members of cost of organization.

1949

Jan. 5 - Farm Bureau Offices are moved to the new agricultural building.

Jan. 26 — Locker Plant Stockholders hold first annal meeting. Mar. 2 — Elizabeth High School Wins District Tournament. Mar. 16 — Lions Club is sponsoring a whiskers contest. \$15 prize for the longest beard and \$15 for the fanciest

May 4 - Elizabeth's New Bridge Uncertain Possibility.

June 15 - Howard Breed has the honor of bringing the first television to town. It is not perfect but local people are invited to watch it in Breed's Electric Shop. WTMJ, Milwaukee, is the only channel coming in.

July 23 - Elizabeth's Fire Bell will no longer stand as a landmark, it must come down to make room for more modern methods. Had served community for 52 years.

Oct. - High School accepts auto for first Driver's Training Course to be offered to students. A. E. Cockrum is superintendent; and Fred Pratt, member of faculty will instruct the course.

Oct. - Elizabeth has its first Electrically Heated Home. It is the new residence erected by Mrs. Hannah Daniel.

Nov. 9 - Library moved to its new quarters in the Elizabeth State Bank bldg, from the former quarters in the Goldsworthy bldg.

Nov. 30 - Carl Schnitzler named III. State Champion Corn grower. Yield - 170 bushels per acre.

Nov. 30 — Announcing the wonderful new Pontiac. Ready to drive \$1742.

Nov. 1949 - Coffee 2 lbs. \$1.37, Cigarettes, all brands \$1.69 carton, Raisins 17c lb., Bacon 48c lb. 1950

Lutheran Church.

Oct. 25 - "Old Maud", Elizabeth's oldest Automobile, a 1911 Ford car owned by W. C. T. Unger, sold.

Feb. 21 — Best oats sold for \$1.39, other oats \$1.09 May 30 - Laying of corner stone for the new St. Paul's

Apr. 16 — Spotlight Food Mart has third Anniversary; sugar 10 lbs. 85c, coffee 87c lb. and ground beef 59c lb.

Apr. 30 - Notice - Please Use New Dumping Ground. Follow road through park to 4H building, dump refuse over bank, (signed) Village Board.

June 25 — All-stars meet McConnell at Baseball Sunday. July 2 - School District 36 Extinct; now its Community Unit District.

July 30 — Greier's Recreation now open for business.

Aug. 13 — Crowds fill streets for Annual Fair Parade. 1953

Sept. 9 - Ground breaking for new fire station.

Sept. 9 - Truck load of bears marooned here Thursday. They were enroute to Washington state.

Oct. 28 — Two Elizabeth Rural schools sold, Allen school sold for \$500.

Dec. 23 — Hotel closes after 59 years of service, built 1894.

Jan. 6 — School cafeteria to open Jan. 18, Hodge announces.

Feb. 3 — Terps Cop County Title at East Dubuque

Apr. 14 - Hutchison Elected Sheriff

May 12 — City Tax Rate slightly Higher

May 26 - C. W. Banwarth Retires, Chapel sold to Charles Nadig

June 9 - Elizabeth Community Club Organizes Thursday

Aug. 25 — Betsy 4H Club enjoys Chicago Trip

Dec. 29 - New Street Lights are being installed.

Jan. 5 — Helen Ertmer & Gloria Endress take over operation of Clover Farm store from Murnice Breed.

Apr. 13 — First and second graders get Salk Vaccine.

June 15 — Fischer Bros. to build new store and warehouse. June 22 — Area schools go on Auction Block, eight schools average \$1000.

Grocery Buys - Milk 59c gal., ground beef 39c lb.

Sept. 30 - Stans Supermarket observes Silver Anniversary

May 2 — Work begun on New Entrance to St. Mary's Cemetery.

Aug. 8 — New cattle barn, at Fair Grounds, ready for use at the Community Fair.

Aug. 12 - Passenger service on the C. G. W. will be discontinued after nearly 70 years of service.

1957

Mar. 13 - Grass fires plague Elizabeth Fire Dept. because of lack of snow this winter.

May 8 - Band wins Superior Rating in State Contest.

May 29 - Wayman Cobine purchases farm equipment business from Jack Schwirtz. Will locate in Greier building on Myrtle Street.

Oct. 30 - Community Halloween Party Wed. night. Nov. 6 — Merchants sponsor Bargain Carnival.

Nov. 6 - Sewer Extension to Greier addition nears completion.

Nov. 27 – Wes Holly to be here for Kiddies Yule Treat.

Dec. 4 - 1897 & 1907 Alumni Honored at Annual School

Dec. 11 - Voters approve bonds for school addition, to include new gym, home ec. room, library and new heating plant.

Feb. 19 - Business Houses Close for Funeral of O. M. Bishop, Elizabeth's oldest business man.

Mar. 26 - Lions plan dinner honoring Terrapins.

Apr. 9 - Grebner Wins Sheriff Race.

May 21 - Raymond Thom Named District 208 Superintendent.

May 28 — Parents of Seniors Sponsor Traveling Euchre Party.



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May 28 — Tax Rate Higher This Year

June 25 — Hoskins Lumber Co. has Grand Opening of New Office and Warehouse.

July 30 - Postage will cost more, first class letter to be 4c July 30 - Logan's Variety Sold to Harry Abbotts.

Aug. 6 — Final Band Concert for this season to be Saturday.

Sept. 3 — Annual Bethel School Reunion to be Monday.

Sept. 10 - Contracts let for New High School

Oct. 15 - Lee Beyer Wins State Corn Picking Title for one row pickers.

Oct. 15 - Dr. Schlecht to locate here, Medical Center to be built.

Nov. 26 - Last chance to look at the rocket of Russia's Sputnik III will be Wed. night according to LeRoy Groezinger.

1959

Feb. 18 - Georgetown Bridge Replacement is part of '59 Construction work. Will not be built at present location.

June 24 — Medical Center Open House to be Sunday. July 8 — Breed's Sales Barn to mark Grand Opening July 15th. The new building 146 ft. long, will seat 300 people.

Oct. 28 - State Bank Observes Golden Anniversary

Nov. 4 - Schools to Observe Education Week with Open

Nov. 11 - Kindergarten Class Opens Monday.

Jan. 13 — Terps Host, Win County Tourney

Feb. 3 — Watch Where, How Long you Park, Village Fathers

Mar. 23 — Michael Fine Today after drinking cleaning fluid

Apr. 27 — Voters to Hear Need for Road Bond May 25 - Elizabeth's population 728 for village, 1186 in

township. June 8 — Seniors return from New York Trip

Sept. 7 — Residents Warned to Cut Noxious Weeds Immediately

Oct. 12 - New Post Office Authorized for Elizabeth

May 16 - Marie Van de Drink has Modernized her Beauty

May 24 - "I'd Choose Teaching Again" says Frost Wand on retiring.

June 21 - Work of Building New Post Office has begun. July 26 – 41st Fair and 4H Show Opens Aug. 3

Aug. 1 — Break In Reported at Shuemakers

Nov. 1 - Post Office Open for Business in New Building

Nov. 8 - Read's Hdwe, Marks 50th Year

Nov. 22 — Backenkellar Buys Read's Hardware.

1962

June 9 — Dedication Ceremony and Open House at New Post Office

Oct. 10 - New Business Started - Thermogas Liquidfied gas plant

Oct. 24 — Hey, Kids! Saturday's the Halloween Party Nov. 21 — Foundation Laid for Dial Phone Building

Jan. 23 — Seniors Sponsor Card Party and Cake Mixer Feb. 6 - Local Barber Wins Community Cake Decorating Contest

Feb. 6 - Dr. Oberheim Honored for 50 years Practice

Feb. 13 - Tuckers Purchase Schmidt Cafe

Apr. 10 — Berlage to Open John Deere Business May 22 — Elizabeth High to Graduate Largest Class

May 29 - Mrs. Wm. Knauer Buys Restaurant from Eugene Krugs.

June 19 — Elizabeth's Zip Code is 61028

Nov. 13 — Dial System Becomes Effective Nov. 12

Dec. 5 - Elizabeth's New \$100,000 Bridge Opened Nov. 30th

1964

June — Seven children attended the first Day Care Center program for mentally retarded children.

July 4 — At exactly 1 P.M. all Elizabeth bells will be rung for four minutes, thus taking part in the national "Let Freedom Ring" project.

July 15 – Veterinary Office building, to be occupied by Dr. D. E. Smith, was started last week.

Aug. 30 - The new Nadig Funeral Home will have its Open House on August 30.

Nov. 11 - Ken and Fritz Eichman are the new operators of the E & E Processing Service.

Nov. - Elizabeth's F. F. A. Chapter received the Illinois Bankers award for being the outstanding chapter in nothwestern Illinois.

Dec. — The J & M Motel is the first motel in this area to be heated with electric heat.

Feb. 6 — The Ski Jumping Tournament scheduled for last month will be Saturday. It will feature John Balfanz and other noted skiers.

May 10 - "Someday", Grand Champion steer shown in lobby of State Bank. Weighs 1040 lbs.

May 25 - New Illinois Law Concerning Care of Dumps Discussed

June 22 - F. F. A. Wins Honors at State Meet

Sept. 14 — Ground beef 55c lb., sugar 10 lbs. \$1.11, coffee 2 lbs. \$1.39

Oct. — The First Session of a School of Christian Unity was held Sunday. St. Mary's and Methodist churches will be participating in this ecumenical study venture.

Oct. - Joanne Fischer to represent Illinois in the Miss Rodeo America Contest at Las Vegas, Nev.

Oct. 25 - The Junior Class, of Elizabeth High School, is selling "Soap and Waxed Window Insurance."

Nov. 29 - Work Begins on Nursing Home

1968

Jan. - Jan. 31st to Mark Village Dump Closing. The first garbage collection will be Feb. 1st.

Feb. 7 — New Garbage collection is in second week.

Mar. 6 - Due to Extremely Dry Conditions the Fire Dept. Requests there be no burning outdoors. Extension offices to locate here.

Mar. 13 - Jeff Walker Designs Centennial Seal Mar. 20 - Woodbine Feed Mill Leveled by Fire



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First Streets-Laid out in 1839

First Electricity-1907

First Railroad-Aug. 1, 1887 First Cement Sidewalks-1907

First Church-Methodist 1845-1846

First Marriage-Jane Murdock & Jefferson Clark

First Death-John Gray 1832

First Birth-Martha & Theodore Winters children of John D. Winters

First Newspaper-Ben Terry 1861

First Street Lights-Kerosene Before 1887 Electric 1914

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First Mayor-J. H. Bateman 1887 First Postmaster-Wm. Boutwell 1847

First Doctor-E. W. Beebe 1862

First Car Owner—Dave Haig — High Wheels Jim Gundry - Hard Rubber tires Elmer Goldthorpe (1909-1910)

First Store Keeper-James B. Watts & Samuel Nye (before 1841)

First Hotel-Union Hotel - Thomas B. Shaw, Prop.

First Blacksmith—Pearce Shop site

First Mill Proprietor-Isaac Horr & Mr. Smith - 1842

First Bank-Elizabeth Exchange Bank

A. H. Nash - Sept. 1888 First Water Works-1902

First School-Before 1861 - Present site of

Edmund Fischer home First Telephone-1902-1903

Nov. 12, 1963 - Dial phone

First Street Signs-May 1963 First House Numbers-May 1963

First Bridge-Around 1887

Nov. 30, 1960 - New Cement Bridge

Notes from a diary and account book of J. W. Prisk kept from 1894-1926

5-28-1895 New corn planter (Hayes) and a new riding corn plow J.I.C. bought

4-15-1904 Telephone put in 5-26-1909 Earthquake

12-31-1913 Bought new single seats for Bethel School

6-3-1914 Sowed alfalfa in corn before last plowing 2-22-1926 Frazier's store sold to Graham

1-27-1915 County guarantined foot and mouth

4-14-1915 Used auto first time season

God in His mercy doeth all things right.

8-29-1894 Sold to McKenzie and Gault-20 cattle-\$1000.00 11-21-1894 Sold to Abe Cox, Elizabeth-80 chickens-\$12.40 12-1-1894 Bought 510 bushels of corn -40 cents per bu.

\$204.00 12-19-1894 Sold to Abe Cox, Elizabeth - 3 turkeys 5 cents per lb. - \$2.75

2-12-1895 Bought 4 steers - \$64.40

11-13-1895 Sold Chicago 18 steers-23,870 lbs.-\$901.70 11-27-1895 Sold one quarter dress beef -72 lbs. -\$2.88

2-22-1898 77 hogs 17,950 lbs. weighed at home

2-22-1898 77 hogs, 17,600 lbs. weighed at Woodbine \$3.80 per cwt.

2-23-1898 77 hogs, 17,460 lbs, weighed at Chicago 4.05 per cwt. expenses \$40.

1898 1100 lb. Horse \$37.45

12-2-1899 Weighed 32 feeder hogs Average weight 1511/2 lbs.

1-2-1900 Weighed 32 feeder hogs Average weight 222 lbs.

2-2-1900 Weighed 31 feeder hogs Average weight 262 lbs.

2-5-1900 Sold 30 feeder hogs Average weight 266 lbs. Hogs on feed 2 months

Cattle Contract: Sold March 10, 1902 - 20 head of steers at \$4.85 per hundred to be delivered May 1 - weighed at home at eleven o'clock and shrunk three per cent.

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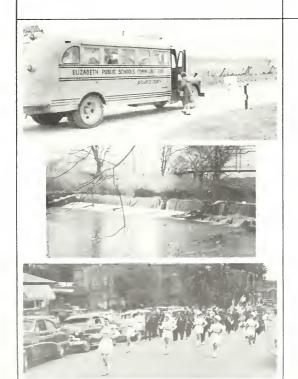
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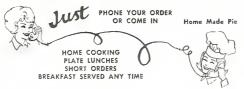


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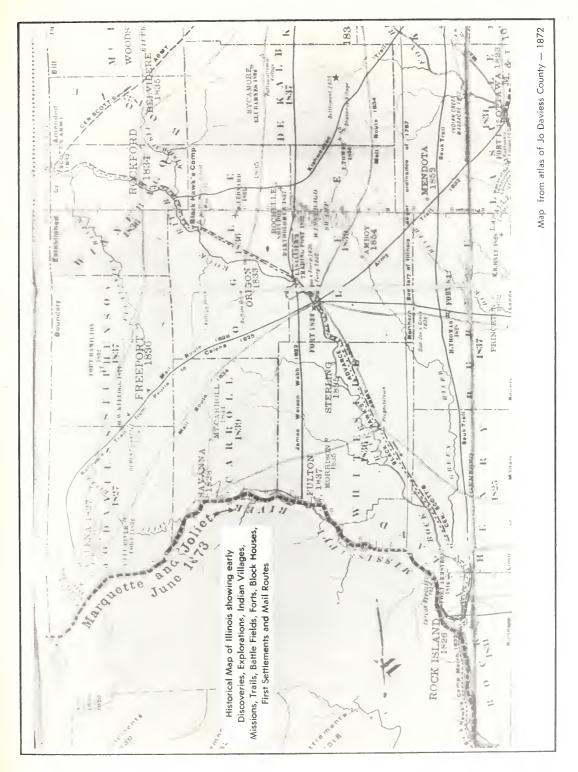
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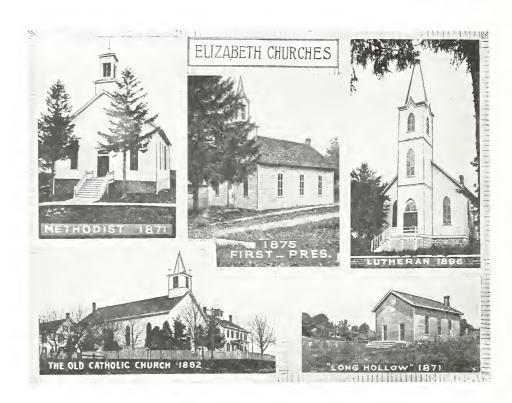
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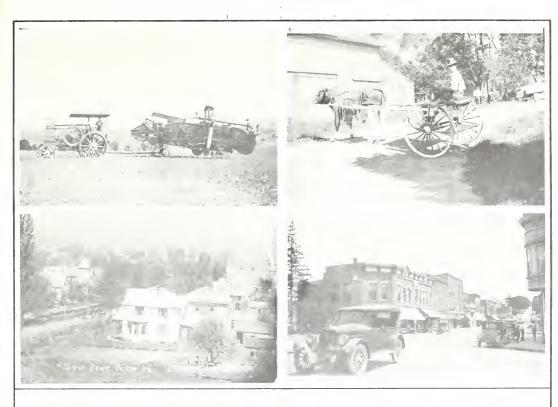
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PROGRAM OF EVENTS

May 4 - 11 a.m. Antique Car Parade 12 noon Chicken Bar-B-Que Afternoon - Pioneer Craft Day

8 p.m. Square Dance

May 5 - Afternoon - Muzzle loading rifle shoot

June 4 — 9 p.m. Centennial Ball (Russ Carlyle Orchestra)

June 30 - 2:30 p.m. Antique Style Show and Tea July 4 - Kids Day and Old Fashioned Picnic

July 5-6 — Pageant

July 27 - Cub and Boy Scouts Country Auction

Sept. 6 — Boy Scout Camparee

Sept. 7 - Elizabeth Fair and Centennial Parade

12 noon Chicken Bar-B-Que

Sept. 6, 7, 8 - Elizabeth Community Fair



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PRESENTATION OF AWARD Stanley Goldthorpe presenting bond to Jeff Walker for the winning seal.

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